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NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will hold his usual New Year's reception at Government House from 3 to 5 p.m. on New Year's Day.

CHRISTMAS OUTLAY IS \$34,000,000

New York Spends That For Toys, Candies, Nuts and Decorations

650,000 Christmas Trees in Big City

New York, Dec. 22 (Canadian Press) — Santa Claus's budget estimates for the York City Christmas will be something like \$34,000,000. For toys the sum of \$22,000,000 will be spent, sweets will cause \$6,000,000 to change hands, while nuts will bring about a turnover of \$5,000,000. The holly and the mistletoe, the red and green paper behind the trees and small dollars is reported to have disappeared overnight.

Victimized within the last week include the Victoria West School, where thieves broke open a window and stole the entire collection that was being gathered for a school closing Christmas party. A tidy sum of several dollars is reported to have disappeared overnight.

G. S. Brandon, proprietor of a Rock Bay Avenue store, was victimized to the extent of \$50 in jewelry and had his home ransacked. Thieves entered after jimmying the kitchen windows on the ground floor and made a careful search of the premises.

The office of the Standard Steam Laundry received a midnight call from persons who did not leave their address behind. Entrance in this case was made by forcing the front door, but the trouble was without avail for nothing was taken.

The home of Mrs. J. Hudson, 976 Heywood Street, was raided during the absence of the owner.

In this case nearby residents declare they saw a man place a ladder against the veranda and climb in through a second story window.

"Victoriaans can face the outlook for 1924 in a spirit of cheerfulness and optimism, confident that the future holds the highest promise for the city and every ascertained.

The police say they are not unduly exercised over the succession of robberies, stating from their experience that it is to be expected about this time every year. Action, however, is not wanting and the whole force is on the look out for the yeggmen.

SAVINGS AND BONUSES

Commercial savings clubs in New York will pay depositors almost \$200,000,000, it is announced, and the employees of Wall Street firms are returning thanks to Santa Claus for about \$10,000,000 in bonuses.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

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St. Bernard 2, Dumbarion 0. Vale of Leven 1, Boness 0. Scottish Rugby Trial at Edinburgh, Scotland 2. The Rest 10.

County Championship at Gosforth, Northumberland 2½, Durham 6.

Irish League

Linfeld 2, Larne 3. Glenlora 1, Cliftonville 6. Glenavon 2, Ards 1.

Distillery 6, Barn 0. Queen's Island 4, Newry 0.

NORTHERN UNION RUGBY

Battley 10, Runstet 10. Bradford 6, Featherstone 5.

Bramley 14, Keighley 7. Halifax 7, Oldham 6.

Leeds 21, Hull Kingston 0.

Leigh 8, Widnes 0.

Rochdale 3, Broughton 3.

Richmond-Blaekburne postponed, ground unfit.

Harlequins 12, Navy 5.

Swansea 15, London Welsh 6.

Bath 8, Old Blues 4.

Northumbrian and Lancashire Tailors 15.

Nuneaton 14, Birmingham 0.

Bradford 7, Liverpool 0.

Crumlin 5, Cross Keys 9.

Gloucester 3, Abberley 7.

Headingly 6, Hull and East Riding 20.

Coventry 0, Leicester 0.

Neath 3, Mountain Ash 0.

Newcastle 1, Middlesbrough 1.

Northampton 9, Nottingham 3.

Penrith 5, Llanelli 5.

Plymouth 5, Pontypool 0.

Aberavon 8, Cardiff 4.

West Scotland 3, Edinburgh Acadia 4.

Royal High School 14, Edinburgh Institute 2.

MILITARY FIVE HUNDRED

The weekly military five hundred and dance of Ward Two Conservatives was held in the association rooms, Campbell Building, Thursday evening.

Fifty tables were in play, the following securing prizes: First table, A. Imeson; Mrs. E. M. Dicks, G. Holmes and G. H. Brockington; second table, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. W. Thorpe, William Williams and Mr. Churchill; third table, Mrs. Hoslett, Mrs. Livingstone, J. Martin and Mr. Pates; fourth table, Mr. McKenna and his partner. Free tombola prizes were given to the following: Mr. Crymer, W. J. Orme, Mrs. J. Waters, Jack Jennings and Mrs. Lancaster, who each received a large turkey. Mrs. J. Watson won a half-ton of coal.

In the house there is a radio set that is being used by the Arctic explorers for giving their position and calling for aid. The display is one of a number of displays that are being put on by the dealers during the busy Christmas week.

SUN ELECTRIC HAS NOVELTY DISPLAY

Window Exhibit Portrays Use of Electrical Appliances by Explorers

A novelty window display has been put on by the Sun Electric Company, Douglas Street. On one side of the window is a picture of the North Pole with an Arctic expedition in the foreground. There is a figure of the explorer's ship, white on the shore are two huts which are fully equipped with electric lights and heating.

Opposite the side of the display is a city house with interior light and appliances and there are a number of steamers joining the two houses together. On the top of the display there is a sign, "Why not avail yourself of the conveniences that even the people at the North Pole enjoy?"

In the last Arctic expedition to the North Pole, the electric lighting plant was really used by the northern explorers, and it was found to be perfect for lighting purposes.

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LOOKS FOR CANCER TO BE CONQUERED

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day without any Christmas fare. They think of the Rotary fund?

The following donations of cash and merchandise have been received: M. H. glass, value \$2. and H. Fox, pocket knives, anonymous, trycle.

Mrs. A. Howe, Chemainus, clothing, previously acknowledged \$1,440.25.

Mrs. Oldham 2.00

A. Friend 10.00

Anonymous 10.00

J. P. E. 10.00

W. M. Cathcart 5.00

The Three Clinics 2.00

A. A. 1.00

Mrs. Ligertwood 1.00

Mrs. and Mrs. F. C. Chant 10.00

A. E. P. 5.00

Guy Langton 5.00

W. M. W. 5.00

Radio 1.00

H. E. Beasley 5.00

M. W. 5.00

B. B. D. 1.00

E. J. Harwood 2.00

Dr. Hare 5.00

Dr. McKeown 5.00

F. E. M. Croson 5.00

H. R. H. Ker 5.00

W. S. 2.00

E. & W. S. 1.00

W. L. M. 1.00

O. M. Prentice 2.00

R. R. 75

Frances and Philip 2.00

A. Friend 2.00

John E. Day Gets Back His \$3,000 Liquor Stock Which Police Took

John E. Day gets his \$3,000 private stock of whisky, wines and champagne back for Christmas. The stock has been in jail in a prisoner's cell at police headquarters since the police assisted by a truck raided the Day home a few weeks ago.

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Give him a genuine Kola Briar

There are many imitations—but only one Kola.

When you purchase his Christmas present—a pipe, of course—look for the name "Kola" stamped on the stem. Notice the rich, mellow coloring—it's the Kola process that does it. See how beautifully it is finished by master-craftsmen.

No man can enjoy the same smoke-satisfaction and smoke-comfort from an inferior pipe.

Put up in an attractive Christmas Gift Box.

VOTE WITHOUT PARTY TIES URGED

South African Paper Deals With British Parliament and Trade Preference

Cape Town, Dec. 22 (Canadian Press Cable via Reuters)—Premier Smuts's view is to bring home to the British Government to carry out the promises of Imperial preference made by Premier Baldwin at the recent Imperial Conference in London. He declared that the South African Premier in a speech a few days ago are not shared in by any influential and responsible section of the South African opinion, according to The Cape Times.

The Times declares Premier Smuts's opinion is based upon the position of the opposition which is to promote more by the British Government of the day than possible detrimental effect of such promises not being fulfilled, which view, it says, seems to be a correct one, and it urged that Premier Baldwin's proposals should be submitted to the House of Commons by the next British Government as has been done by its predecessors to the Imperial Conference. The decision in the matter, The Times says, should rest with the members of the House as individuals, irrespective of party ties.

"The important thing," The Times says, "is that the precedent which is set should not be dictated by any parochial or party feeling, but rather a clear determination to take the course best calculated to further the present and future welfare of the British Commonwealth."

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADA TO FILL UP VACANT PLACES

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CANADA'S PROGRESS

First as to Canada: I visited Canada forty-four years ago and was able, therefore, to note the progress made since that time. The country seems in the enormous strides made by Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. During that interval of years they have leaped forward in population, in wealth and importance. Impressive residential areas wide and lined with attractive shops and immense offices; noble public buildings, provincial, municipal, educational and ecclesiastical—the miles of comfortable and commodious residences, all betoken a well established and confident prosperity. What struck me most of all was Canada's place in the United States was the numerical as even more the dimensions of projects for change and improvement throughout these cities. Where we are apt to niggle in thousands, over there they plan in millions. Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg were full of gigantic schemes for the development of trade equipment and amenities. In addition to others, a \$1,000,000,000 canal to carry the streams of the West from the lakes to the sea was the subject of constant discussion on change and in club.

CANADA'S GRAIN LEAD

These fine cities are dependent, of course, on the bounty of the Canadian soil in grain, timber and materials. When I got to the grain centre of the United States I was struck by the fact that existed there of the formidable character of Canadian competition in wheat growing. Generations of cultivation had exhausted the unrepentant fertility of their own lands, whereas Canada had unlimited fields of virgin soil of finest quality which still yield rich harvests without excessive care or trouble. The American farmers felt their chances of competing in neutral markets against Canadian exporters were diminishing. Although a home population which is well over 100,000,000 provided them with a ready market at their own doors, was nevertheless told in Minneapolis by American representatives there that American farming suffers considerably from the loss of the European market, partly through Canadian competition and partly through European unsettlement. Nowhere are the possibilities of Canada more thoroughly realized and appreciated than across the frontier.

QUALITIES APPRECIATED

In this connection I was very gratified to find how Canadian youth been appreciated in the United States in consequence of the war. The valor and progress of the Canadian troops on the bloody battlefields of Europe had clearly made an ineffaceable impression on the American mind. American folk Canadians in a totally different strain to the world I recall in 1899. There is a note of admiration and respect which was not conspicuous in those days.

FOUND MODESTY

On the other hand, strange as it may seem, I was surprised to discover that Canadians themselves did not seem to realize fully the magnitude of their achievement in the Great War. Had they been disposed to do so, I am sure their contribution to the victory, that would not have surprised me so much. Every nation naturally dwells on its own triumphs often to the exclusion of those achieved by other nations. The fault of Canada is in the opposite direction. It errs from excessive modesty. What the Second Battle of Ypres, the terror of Vimy Ridge, the burning back of Germans on August 8, 1918, and breaking through of the Hindenburg Line meant to the Allies—and to the world—is not fully comprehended by the people whose gallant sons won these decisive and epochal victories. It may be that political or racial reasons may have given some difficulty to do with explaining down the consciousness of an honorable pride. Whatever the reason, that is what I found.

POPULATION

With all this remarkable advance in Canadian prosperity and national prestige and with all the infinite undeveloped resources of Canada, I had a feeling that the growth of population was not what might have been. In 1911 the population was 57,511,000. To-day it is between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000. The growth in wealth would have justified a much larger growth in population. What is the reason? Has real effort been made and sustained to attract people from Europe to this land of infinite promise? I think not. What I mean by this might have been done had there been no cross currents to impede a policy of encouragement for immigration. For two or three years the Motherland has had an unemployment list ranging between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000. The dependents of these residents with a population of 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 in all. These include some of the best, most skillful and efficient workers in the world. With a little mobilization and training they could apply their hands to any industry that promised a livelihood.

OPPORTUNITY

The doors of the United States of America are now only partially opened to emigrants. Would it not

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Offers Worth-while Values for Christmas Shoppers

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\$1.25
Per Pair

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Per Pair

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Per Pair



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have been well for Canada to have taken prompt and full advantage of these exceptional conditions to fit their vacant lands? She has endeavored to do this and developed wealth. She needs men and women to open them up and exploit them for the greater enrichment of the great Dominion and the happiness of its people. There is a lag somewhere.

FOUND MODESTY

Canada is unquestionably missing one of the greatest opportunities ever offered to any nation in the world. A bold and enterprising policy is needed on both sides of the Atlantic. But with co-operation results could be secured that, while giving Canada a spurt forward, would at the same time strengthen the British Empire as a whole.

BOLDER METHODS

The ordinary methods of attracting emigrants are not sufficient. A bolder and more enterprising policy is needed to attract to its soil a proportion of this fine population. They are men and women of the same race and tradition as the majority of the people of Canada. A few years hence the chance may be gone.

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SCHOOL BURNED IN COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

Collegiate Institute Was One of Oldest in Ontario

vere but as it probably was submarine it has not been recorded as doing any damage.

UNEMPLOYMENT DEMAND

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—A standard or flying for the unemployed such as is laid down in The Canadian Labor Gazette was demanded by the Provincial Board of the Independent Labor Party in a resolution passed last night.

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British
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And it is a British Columbia product, from the milk inside the can to the box it is packed in.

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Factories at Ladner and Abbotsford, B.C.

EXECUTION IN QUEBEC APRIL 4

Montreal, Dec. 22—Walter Muir, of New York, was found guilty in the murder of Henri Laviolette, of Valleyfield, who was finally shot in the Windsor Hotel, Valois, on Dec. 22. Mr. Justice Wilson sentenced Muir to be hanged April 4 next.

The crime for which Muir has been condemned occurred when the convicted man shot Laviolette during an argument on the merits of a dog.

TOYS AT LOW PRICES

You still have time to buy your Toys at low prices, if you call and see our stock at once. We will make delivery when required free of charge. Come to-night or Monday.

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Another of that fast-dwindling band of pioneers who faithfully undertook and carried out the all important spade work in the early development of this community has gone to his last rest in the person of Mr. Walter Walker. For nearly half a century he had been a resident of Victoria and during the whole of that time there were few movements that had for their object the well being and advancement of this neighborhood that could not number him among their most energetic and optimistic advocates.

As an alderman and a school trustee the late Mr. Walker brought to bear upon the duties attaching to those important offices a wealth of mature local knowledge in the widest sense and a keen understanding of civic requirements in particular.

And although it was perhaps in the public life and service of this city that he became the more prominent figure, the Presbyterian Church possessed in him a devoted and untiring worker at all times. And it may be truly said of him that he earned the title of a Christian gentleman whose many deeds of practical kindness were performed in that genuine and unostentatious manner which marked his whole well ordered life.

As a man of business the late Mr. Walker made his mark and the monument of his insight and commercial application remains to bear witness to his conspicuous success. To these more tangible attributes of good citizenship may be added a sterling integrity and a generous disposition towards all men that stamped him a man of worth and usefulness. Because of these things in especial it can be truly said that this neighborhood has lost a valued citizen and to those who will feel his passing the more keenly The Times extends its genuine sympathy.

AN INTERESTING SITUATION

It suits the purpose of the Soviet Government to declare that Great Britain's influence in Afghanistan is being used to the detriment of Russia and Russia's interests. In fact the Administration at Moscow continually goes out of its way to try and discover something in that part of the world which might be cited in justification of such Bolshevik propaganda as is calculated to persuade the Amir and his subjects that Russia is a better friend to them than Great Britain. It does not follow that the recent incidents in all their brutal form are the product of Moscow intrigue; but it is safe to say that the Soviet propagandist has been and no doubt continues to be active with the comparatively young and ordinarily vain Amanullah Khan.

Quite naturally has Great Britain denied that anything in the nature of an ultimatum had been sent to the Afghanistan Government demanding that it break off all relations with Russia. Whatever it might be friendly to do for the Afghan people by reason of the changed order in Russia, it is highly probable that the British authorities would consider themselves more or less bound by the fundamental principles embodied in the Anglo-Russian Convention of 1907. That pact contained Britain's disclaimer of any intention to alter the political status or—subject to the observance of the treaty of 1905—of interfering in the administration or annexing any territory of Afghanistan, "and she engaged to use her influence there in no manner threatening to Russia." On her part Russia recognized Afghanistan as outside her sphere of influence.

Things have changed materially since this engagement was entered into. No longer does the shadow of the "great bear" darken the entrance to the Indian Empire as it did when Russia was regarded as a first class military power with her eyes trained on the passage over the Northwest frontier. At the same time it is highly improbable that the authorities at Moscow would regard the 1907 pact as anything but a scrap of paper and quite unbinding on them. As far as British and Russian interest in Afghanistan are concerned, therefore, there is only the mutual understanding into which the Soviet Government entered with Downing Street with regard to trading procedure, and its condition in respect of anti-British propaganda in India and elsewhere, to act as a brake on Moscow.

On the top of all too slender agreements between Russia and Britain the Amir's position is an interesting one. He is vain enough to be fooled where his predecessor was cunning to a degree. Unlike Habibullah Khan he is not able to control the wilder elements among the hillmen. The recent atrocities were undoubtedly perpetrated by the outlaws of the Amir's kingdom, and his authority over them will be understood better by the means he employs to round them up. His energy in this direction will also prove whether or not he considers the "treaty of friendship," into which he entered with Britain after the last affray two years ago, is a better bet for Afghanistan than to succumb to Soviet flattery and gold. Meanwhile he had better remember that his plan is to show good faith towards the nation which has always been his country's best friend.

WELCOME BACK

Victorians have a sort of proprietary interest in Pilot Eddie Hubbard. They naturally felt that even considerations of United States postal regulation should not have been allowed to put an end to his frequent aerial visits to this city. But the inexorable laws of profit and loss intervened

and for a time this popular and highly successful young airman was obliged to give way to others. But he is now back on the job again with a new contract in his pocket, and those who still find interest in the comings and goings of the mail plane will congratulate the pioneer of the business in this section.

TOO MUCH TALK

Would it not be a good idea for the Government and the Opposition to get together before the next session of the Legislature and see if some arrangement could not be arrived at to limit discussion on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne and the Budget proposals? We are assuredly suffering from altogether too much talk. It ought to be possible to get rid of the address in a couple of days if discussion were limited to the mover and the seconder with, say, two Ministers and an equal number from the Opposition side of the House. Quite properly the budget demands more detailed and perhaps lengthier consideration; but even in that case four or five days should suffice. Under the present arrangement a great deal of valuable time is taken up, at least with the address, by mere formality that could be replaced with constructive discussion of real value. Meanwhile a tired House finds itself obliged to deal with the most contentious legislative matters during the dying days of the session.

WILL HE ACCEPT?

That is an excellent suggestion which goes to ask Mr. Charles G. Dawes, a former director of the United States budget, if he will act as president of the committee of experts which will investigate Germany's finances for Reparations Commission. It would add an American flavor to and interest in the inquiry that would assuredly make for a more rapid and effective settlement of the tangled question.

Happily the agreement under which the expert committees are to be set up differs in one essential respect from all other attempts to deal with the European situation. It is in form, and far as one can see in substance as well, a proposal agreed to by all the interested parties. It is the first plan which has ever had the backing of France, Germany and the United States, as well as of the other Allied Powers. Whatever may have been the pressure which moved France to propose it, the fact remains that this particular plan was formally initiated by France. And yet, though initiated by France, the invitation to the United States is warmly seconded by the German Government.

These circumstances add enormously to the prestige of the undertaking. That is of great importance, for the value of the inquiry depends wholly on the degree to which the findings secure the support of the public opinion of the world. The committee commands no military power whatsoever. It has no legal authority to make decisions. But having been set up by voluntary and unanimous agreement, it starts with very considerable moral authority. Thus with an American as presiding officer there should be substantial prospect of more unanimity over the question than has been the case hitherto.

Note and Comment

The shortest day has come and gone and Victoria is getting along with sunshine and without snow.

Sir Henry Thornton still sticks to his idea that in three years time the Canadian National Railways will have said good bye to annual deficits. More power to his elbow.

That committee which Premier Baldwin appointed before the election to prepare a tariff plan for Great Britain has discontinued its operations in view of the people's verdict on December 6. The Tariff Reform League went out of business months ago because it lacked funds. Yes, we have no protection to-day.

Some golfing enthusiast in Toronto yesterday not only played golf there on the shortest day of the year; but complained bitterly when he got back into the clubhouse because the accuracy of his puts had been disturbed by the annoying attention of mosquitoes. Next please!

It is pointed out that Premier Baldwin's son drew a beard during the election campaign in order that he might make his appearance more striking and give himself an air of maturity. Some of his platform utterances gave the idea that he was very young. This confirms it.

Some Thoughts for To-day

A poet without love were a physical and metaphysical impossibility. Carlyle.

I will speak daggers to her, but use none; My tongue and soul in this be hypocrites. Shakespeare.

I have not loved the world; nor the world me; I have not flattered its rank breath, nor bow'd To its idolatries a patient knee. Byron.

Our Contemporaries

THE CRUCIAL POINT
Daily Telegraph.—Unless the danger of the existing frictions between the two great religions of India is dealt with by a strong hand, and at once, there will soon be no other Indian question for us to deal with.

WORK THE LAND

Buluwayo Chronicle.—Assisted settlement is a sound idea, but it must be based upon the easy occupation of land rather than the too facile acquisition of borrowed capital.

Other People's Views

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GOLF LINKS

To the Editor:—note Alderman Todd's very plausible letter in your issue of Dec. 15. The fact stands out that there was a recent positive decided mandate of property owners registered against municipal golf links and the promoters have had the audacity to flout it.

The ratepayers of Victoria as a whole are the court of last resort on Victoria affairs; not a section of Saanich Municipal Council or a small body of Victoria ratepayers, no matter how influential they may be.

JOHN DEAN.

WANTS NO GOLF LINKS

To the Editor:—It would be interesting to know by what authority the City Council are applying to the Legislature for this.

The powers sought amount to nothing else than power to override the expressed will of the taxpayers.

If these powers are granted, the best thing that can be done is to vote for a general election to bring the present situation of the city has been brought about by excessive expenditure, and if the Council have the power to spend money without consulting those who have to find it, it will get worse.

This is some check that the ratepayers want more powers to stop spending, not the Council more powers to spend. As things are we can only look upon the City Council and School Board as hostile. They are treating the taxpayer as if he had no right to his money, and the money standing schemes. With regard to golf links, when the first vote was taken we were told that we could not have understood what we were doing in voting it down, but only a few moments before voting on the matter a voter told us that the only candidates for mayor, aldermen, etc. Now the very council thus elected told us we could not have understood the golf links by law.

Evidently we did not understand the aldermen or we should have turned them down.

The whole thing is based upon the assumption that the taxpayers are wealthy people and that the city is large. The truth is the taxpayers are paying far beyond their means and there is only a small number of them. The number is diminishing. The number of the tax base is driving business away and bringing ruin. If for one should not be surprised if it leads to crime as well as poverty.

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London, Dec. 22.—Canadian Press

was reported killed and several passengers injured when the Dixie Flyer of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad was wrecked near Kenesaw, several miles north of Atlanta, this morning. The Flyer was outbound, Chicago to Atlanta.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

Quebec, Dec. 22.—Hector Laferte was unanimously elected Deputy Speaker of the Quebec Legislative Assembly at its session yesterday.

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Victoria Times, Dec. 22, 1898

Steps are to be taken to stop the smuggling now being carried on by the little fleet of sloop and schooners, the majority hailing from Puget Sound, which have been selling contraband goods to the Indians, and other settlers along the Coast.

The Home Mission Board of the Baptist Church has extended a call to Rev. J. C. Coombs, of Everett, Wash., formerly pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, to become permanent Superintendent of Missions for this Province.

City Barrister W. J. Taylor left last night for London, England, where he will represent the city before the Privy Council in the Point Ellice Bridge appeals.



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The retiring appointed members are Mrs. M. A. Graves, who has been acting as secretary of the Board, and J. E. Hill. They are eligible for re-election.

With the return of Alderman-elect Merchant to the Council, the members have a colleague who has been for many years a commissioner and secretary of the Board. The other members, who have still a year to serve, are Rev. Dr. Clay and A. C. Pike.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Port Missionary will conduct divine service in the sunroom at the Jubilee Hospital to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A charge of vagrancy was withdrawn against William Fraser in the police court yesterday when the prosecution stated that the accused had given a satisfactory account of his actions. The accused was ordered released.

Mayor Hayward has issued invitations to about forty citizens identified with the municipal life of the city, including the members of the council, heads of departments, and others, to dine with him next Thursday evening.

City Treasurer Smith states that the taxes have been coming in well during the month of November, and if the situation continues as satisfactorily until the end of the month, the shortage which was not paid within the scheduled period will be materially reduced. This will reduce the carry over of accounts to December.

The board of directors of the Jubilee Hospital has gone on record thanking R. F. Taylor, who had charge of the campaign for the building fund, for his good work as chairman. The board also thanks the canvassers. The secretary has been instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Taylor.

The Royal Society of St. George has arranged for a Christmas party to be held on Thursday, December 27, at 8 p.m. in the Christ Church Schoolroom. There will be games, musical items, and refreshments. An invitation is extended, not only to members of the society, but also to all who can find it convenient to attend.

Arrangements have been made to provide the usual Sunday service of buses on the Lake Hill—Quarry route on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On Saturday, December 26, the half-hour service will continue from 1:30 p.m. to 11:10 p.m. On Monday, December 24, the half-hour service will continue to 8 p.m. and a fifteen-minute service will be given from Lake Hill commencing at 8:15 p.m. to cope with the heavier traffic on that evening.

The Christmas dance held in the Temperance Hall, Keating, last evening by the teachers and pupils of the Keating school was a very successful affair.

In regard to the statement in The Colonist this morning that the Jubilee Hospital Board last evening expressed its disappointment and dissatisfaction with the attitude of the Provincial Government towards the grant sought by the Board to complete its new building, the society was losing a good man.

Trustee Oldfield spoke of the cuts which the School Board had endeavored to make in its expenses through the year. He pointed out that, in the resignation of Trustee Holloway, who has been for so long a time associated with the Saanich Board, the municipality was losing a good man.

He complimented Trustee Holloway highly for his services to the municipality.

Councillor Lehman faced the ratepayers for the last time, when he made his annual report last night and answered questions which concerned faces. Reeve Watson, who was present, came to his support upon this question and explained the situation.

"The only way to settle this taxation problem," he said, "is to appoint a new assessment, and will be taken care of if I can get an assessor who can satisfy every ratepayer, and one who can at the same time double the income to the municipality without ruffling the spirit of these ratepayers."

The Reeve continued to say that every Board of Revision or assessment makes mistakes, and if there were no consequences in the municipality who were being overtaxed, then there was some mistake, and this mistake, he said, would in all probability be remedied in the coming year.

He pointed out that there had been a small reduction in the assessed value in the Saanich municipality, totaling approximately \$2,500,000. He also said that there was one thing which an over-criticized council might do, and something that it had full power to do, and that was to place upon the shoulders of the taxpayers the face of criticism which the present Council faced, there might come a time, he said, when such a course would be the only feasible one.

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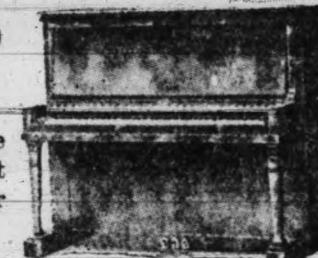
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Mrs. Potash screamed and almost fainted when she beheld the tableau before her. Abe had an honest explanation, but his wife refused to believe him—and then the trouble started.

The foregoing is an exceedingly bare outline of one of the many situations in "Potash and Perlmutter," which will be shown for the last time to-day at the Royal Theatre. It is the second of a series of plays produced by Samuel Goldwyn, with Clarence Badger at the megaphone. Barney Bernard and Alexander Carr are seen as the partners, Abe Potash and Morris Perlmutter, while the part of Mrs. Potash is taken by Vera Gordon, of "Humoresque" fame.

**Hogs Help Actors
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William V. Mong, who is almost as well known as a breeder of fine hogs as he is as an actor, sold his ranch at Whittier, Cal., and his herd of hogs before he sailed for the South Seas with the Goldwyn company, which filmed "Lost and Found," under R. A. Walsh's direction. The actor was away two months. "Lost and Found" will be shown at the Columbia Theatre to-day for the last time.

A special show here, which had

probably taken more prizes than any other troupe of hogs in the country, was sold to Charles Lempsey, alias an actor. The hogs had taken fifteen ribbons, twenty-one first prizes, fourteen championships, the California Gold Medal, the gold award for premier exhibit and silver trophies. One hundred and fifty other hogs were also disposed of at the sale.

**Madge Kennedy,
Domestique to
Artistic Failures**

Is the average screen star busy during the production of a new picture? Ask Madge Kennedy, the blonde and screen star who is featured in the Paramount-Kenna picture production of "The Purple Highway," now being shown at the Capitol Theatre.

A newspaper writer in New York wrote a letter to the producers of "The Purple Highway," asking how Madge Kennedy spent her time during the production period. This reply was returned:

"Madge Kennedy has nothing to do these days but:

"Star in the stage success 'Spite Corner' at the Little Theatre, New York."

"Compose and memorize an address which has been asked to deliver at the coming big Radio Show."

"Supervise the designing of four new gowns for professional work."

"Draw a picture of herself (she was formerly a professional artist) which a prominent magazine will print."

"Find a few other things just to fill in the idle hours."

In "The Purple Highway," Miss Kennedy is seen as a slave in a Home for Artistic Failures, whose optimism and pep lead several, not to speak of herself, into the pathways of success in life. Monte Blue is leading man and other stars include, Vicki Coleman, Pedro de Cordoba, Irene Davidson and Emily Fitzroy. Henry Volker, creator of "Disraeli," directed.

**Romance Was Cracked
But Hope Hampton
Patched It—Dominion**

"Pearls, pearls and more pearls!" This describes the new evening gown which Hope Hampton wears in her portrayal of the leading role in "The Gold Diggers," the Warner Brothers classic of the screen adapted from the Belasco stage success, received from Paris specially for this picture.

The gown contains exactly 19,351 matched pearls.

They are draped over a skirt of cloth of silver. The bodice of the gown is perfectly plain, but the skirt is a mass of pearls.

The gown weighs forty-one pounds. Miss Hampton had the garment made especially to her own design. She ordered it when she was in

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Paris and it was delivered to her Hollywood home.

When wearing the costume Miss Hampton also wears her pearl necklace and her pearl armlets. Altogether the pearls on her costume total close to \$20,000. Hope Hampton is a star from the Lone Star State. She was born in Houston, Texas, in 1902. Equipped with the education and vitality that comes from a healthy life in the out-of-doors, she determined, upon graduation from the local high school, to embark upon a dramatic career. Right here Miss Hampton will tell you that the best way to succeed is not to sit around and wait for opportunity to find you, but rather to get out and hustle to find opportunity.

Her mind made up on this point, she came to New York with her mother, and became a student of the Sargent Dramatic School, the foremost school of its kind in the country.

The instructors of the Sargent Dramatic School quickly realized that they had a find, not only in appearance but with the ambition to succeed that everyone aspiring to a dramatic career must be equipped with. They allowed her to play an important role in the annual play and her work was so favorably commented upon by a distinguished audience.

Madge Kennedy has nothing to do these days but:

"Star in the stage success 'Spite Corner' at the Little Theatre, New York."

"Compose and memorize an address which has been asked to deliver at the coming big Radio Show."

"Supervise the designing of four new gowns for professional work."

"Draw a picture of herself (she was formerly a professional artist) which a prominent magazine will print."

"Find a few other things just to fill in the idle hours."

In "The Purple Highway," Miss Kennedy is seen as a slave in a Home for Artistic Failures, whose optimism and pep lead several, not to speak of herself, into the pathways of success in life. Monte Blue is leading man and other stars include, Vicki Coleman, Pedro de Cordoba, Irene Davidson and Emily Fitzroy. Henry Volker, creator of "Disraeli," directed.

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LAST MINUTE GIFT SUGGESTIONS FR



Gift Suggestions in Furniture

Boudoir Lamps, walnut finish; all colors. Price \$5.95
Smokers' Trays, mahogany finish. Price \$2.25
Smokers' Stands, \$3.50 to \$29.50
Bridge Lamp, iron standard. Priced at \$7.95
Mahogany Bridge Lamps; complete for \$23.00
Floor Lamps; complete for \$26.50
Lamp Shades, \$5.00 to \$26.50
Reed Table Lamps; complete, \$16.50
Table Lamp Standards; mahogany finish. From \$8.00
Genuine Cedar Chests; price, \$29.50
Card Tables, with felt tops; \$4.50
Round Card Tables; oak. Price \$9.25
Windsor Chairs, in walnut finish. Price \$12.50
Walnut Chesterfield Tables; priced at \$29.50
Fumed Oak Library Tables; priced at \$24.00
Children's Hardwood Rockers; priced at \$2.50
Children's Walkers; price \$10.75
Mahogany Upholstered Footstools; prices \$8.00 to \$21.00
Mahogany Parlor Tables; price, \$9.75
Walnut Parlor Tables; price, \$24.50
Royal Easy Chairs; price \$45.00
—Fourth Floor

Christmas Grocer- ies, Provisions and Fruits

Owing to our being closed for two days we would remind our patrons of the necessity for securing extra supplies to last over until Thursday.
Shelled Jordan Almonds, extra selected, per lb. \$0.40
Finest Quality Valencia Almonds, per lb. .45¢
New Season's Smyrna Figs, per lb., 40¢, 45¢ and 50¢
Golden Hallow Dates, per lb. 10¢
Finest Fard Table Dates, per lb. 35¢
Dromedary Dates, per packet 25¢
Finest Quality Imported Cluster Raisins, per packet, 40¢, 50¢ and 60¢
Libby's Mincemeat, Royal Sealer, each 50¢
Genuine Prime Russian Caviar, per tin, \$5.50
Halford's Indian Curried Lobster, per tin \$1.25
Halford's Delicious Curried Crab, per tin \$1.00
O Port O, greatly resembles Port Wine, per bottle 85¢
Fine Quality Ginger Wine, per bottle, at 45¢
Roses Lime Juice, large bottle 90¢
Roses Lime Juice Cordial, per bottle, at 95¢
Christie's Musko Assorted Biscuits, per tin 50¢
Peek Frean and Company's Rich Assorted Biscuits, per tin 95¢
Huntley & Palmer's Assorted Wafers, per tin 85¢
Huntley & Palmer's Noel Mixed Biscuits, per tin 85¢

Provisions

Swifts Premium Hams, 8 to 10 lbs., per lb. 38¢
Prime Mild Cured Hams, 10 to 12 lbs., per lb. 34¢



Christmas Candies

H. B. C. Special Christmas Mixture, per lb. 30¢
H. B. C. Holly and Mistletoe Mixture, per lb. 30¢
H. B. C. Special Assorted Chocolates, per lb. 40¢
H. B. C. Hand Rolled Assorted Chocolates, per lb. 50¢
Italian Cream Fudge, per lb. 50¢
Christmas Chocolates, in fancy boxes, 1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and 85.50
H. B. C. Dainty Dinner Party Mints, suitable for table decoration, per lb. 40¢
Cowen's Milk Chocolate Ginger, per lb. 40¢
Cowen's Assorted Chocolates, in holly wrapped five-pound boxes 83.75
Tobler's Swiss Milk Chocolate, in assorted tablets, suitable for children's stockings, per packet 25¢
Rowntree's Toy Boats, filled with English toffee, each 50¢
—Main Floor



Men's Gift Sweaters

Camel Hair Sports Jackets V-neck style, two pockets; in camel shades. Neatly boxed for Christmas giving. All sizes. Priced at \$8.50
Wool Sweater Coats In V-neck style, with two pockets; in blue, maroon and brown. All sizes. In gift boxes. Priced at \$4.65
Locally Raised Geese, per lb. 30¢
Fine Quality Boiling Fowl, per lb. 30¢
Genuine French Roquefort Cheese, per lb. 85¢
Finest Imported Gorgonzola Cheese, per lb. 90¢
Finest Imported English Stilton, per lb. 90¢
Prime Old Canadian Cheese, per lb. 35¢
Canadian Kraft Loaf Cheese, per lb. 45¢
Canadian Kraft Pimento Cheese, per lb. 45¢

Men's Gift Mufflers

Art Silk Mufflers Novelty stripes in all new shades. In neat gift boxes. Priced at \$4.50
English Wool Mufflers In grey, brown and sage, with contrasting colored stripe across end. All made from pure wool. In gift boxes. Priced at \$1.50

**Monday Evening Special
7 to 8 o'clock**
MEN'S IRISH LINEN
HANDKERCHIEFS
All Linen Handkerchiefs with $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hemstitched borders, enclosed in a folder; value 50¢. Evening Hour Special—7 to 8 o'clock
3 for \$1.00
—Main Floor

Fruit and Vegetables

New Naval Oranges, per dozen, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢ and 60¢
Fancy Jap Oranges, per box 45¢
Choice Almaier Grapes, per lb. 35¢
Red Emperor Grapes, per lb. 25¢
Fine Large Ripe Bananas, per doz. 60¢
Extra Fancy Dessert Apples, 3 lbs. for 25¢
Finest Cape Cod Cranberries, per lb. 25¢
Special Mixture Choice New Nuts, per lb. 30¢
New Season's Mixed Nuts, per lb. 20¢
California Soft Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 45¢
Fancy Budded Walnuts, per lb. 50¢
Brussels Sprouts, Spinach, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Parsnips, Carrots, Sweet Potatoes, Parsley, Thyme and Sage. —Lower Main Floor

Gifts You Can Buy For **\$2**

FOR HER

Bead Necklets, assorted colors. \$2.00
French Ivory Photo Frames. \$2.00
Fitted Work Baskets and Boxes. \$2.00
Silk Knitted Scarves. \$2.00
Mocha Gauntlet Gloves per pair \$2.00
English Capeskin Gloves. \$2.00
Pure Thread Silk Hose. \$2.00
English Imported Plaid Wool Slippers Pair. \$2.00
Fancy Beaded Girdles. \$2.00
Fancy Turkish Towels, with colored ends. \$2.00
per pair
Hudnut's Double Compacts. \$2.00
Barry's Bath Tablets, per box. \$2.00
Ebony Hair Brushes. \$2.00
French Ivory Cloth Brushes. \$2.00
Satinette Bloomers. \$2.00
Moire Silk Underskirts. \$2.00
Dainty Night-gowns. \$2.00

FOR HIM

Tuckett's Alpine Club Cigars, box of 25. \$2.00
White Owl Cigars, box of 25. \$2.00
Kum-A-Part Cuff Buttons, assorted designs, per pair. \$2.00
Leather Collar Boxes. \$2.00
Leather Belts, in gift boxes. \$2.00
Silk Lined Grey Suede Gloves, per pair. \$2.00
Tan Cape Gloves, per pair. \$2.00
Wool Socks, English knit, in all shades 3 pairs for \$2.00
English Foulard Silk Handkerchiefs. \$2.00
"Eveready" Flash Lights. \$2.00
I.X. L. Jack Knives. \$2.00
H.B. Dimple Golf Balls 3 for \$2.00
Captain Dimple Golf Balls 4 for \$2.00

Gift Slippers

Men's Super Quality Black and Brown Glace Kid House Slippers

Oak tan turned leather soles, Everett style, flexible and comfortable. Per pair \$3.50

Men's Super Quality Black and Brown Glace-Kid-House Slippers

Oak tan turned soles, elastic gore sides, Romeo style. Per pair. \$4.00 and \$4.50

Men's Fine Felt Slippers

In black and grey, leather soles and heels, Everett style. Pair \$1.75

Men's Traveling Slippers

Tan alligator leather, with closed case to match. Price \$4.00

See our Christmas table display of Men's and Boys' English Imported Felt Gift Slippers. Prices, \$1.75 to \$3.50

Boys' English Imported Felt Slippers

Leather turn soles and leather bound uppers, Everett style. Per pair \$1.75

Boys' Black and Brown Glace Kid Leather Slippers

Tan sole, Everett style. At per pair \$2.75

Women's House Slippers

In quality felt, trimmed with ribbon. Choice of delicate shades; padded inner soles and grey buckskin outer soles. Per pair \$1.50

Dr. Jaeger Sanitary Wool House Slippers for Women

With leather outer soles, popular shades to choose from. At per pair \$3.00

Women's Glace Kid Suede and Boudoir Slippers

With rubber heels, in black, brown and grey shades. Per pair. \$1.00

Women's Black Glace Kid Morning House Slippers

Strap style, with turn leather soles and low heels. Per pair \$2.75

Women's Beautiful Imported Satin Boudoir Slippers

In dainty colors, latest two-tone combination style. Per pair. \$2.25

—Main Floor

Practical Gifts in Boys' Wear

School Color Sweaters

In shawl collar, pull-over style, in all the school colors; sizes 26 to 34.

Price \$3.50

All-Wool Sweater Coats

Shawl collar coats with two pockets, 100 per cent pure wool, in grey, maroon and heather shades. Sizes 26 to 34. Price \$3.75

Leather Belts

With fancy buckle, a real leather strap. Price \$7.50

Suspenders

Leather ends, in strong elastic webs. Per pair, 50¢ and 65¢

Ties

Knit and Silk Ties, in all the leading shades. Price 50¢

Boys' Gift Shirts

With separate collars. Prices, \$1.35 and \$1.50

Boys' Handkerchiefs

Each, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢ and 25¢

Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs

Each 35¢

Flannelette Pyjamas

Per suit, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Star Gauntlets

With fringe. Per pair, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Golf Hoses

In fancy heather shades. Per pair, 75¢, 85¢, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Fancy English Jerseys

Prices, \$1.85, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25

Fancy English Knit Jersey Suit

Per suit 4.50

Bloomer Suits

At \$8.95, \$9.95, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$16.50

Main Floor

Needle Cases

Containing a large assortment of gold-eyed needles, shapes, between, straws, etc. Prices, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00

Sewing Sets

In neat leatherette cases in red, mauve and dark green; contains needles, thimbles, scissors, bodkins, etc. Prices, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Leatherette Sewing Boxes

Containing a large variety of colored cottons, needles, scissors, etc. Prices, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$4.50

Wicker Work Baskets

With leatherette tops, neatly lined and fitted with assorted colored spools, scissors, needles, bodkins, etc. Prices, \$3.95, \$6.95, \$7.50

Mecano, \$3.00 to \$15.00

Magic Lanterns, \$2.50 to \$4.50

Trains on Tracks, \$1.50 to \$7.50

Mechanical Toys in Great Variety.

Autos, Fire Trucks, Steam Engines, Ducks and Turtles, 25¢ to \$2.95

Musical Instrument Horns, Mouth Organs, Etc., 25¢ to \$1.95

Violins and Gong Toys, \$1.00 to \$1.95

Games of Every Description, 15¢ to \$2.50

Mechanical Birds in Cages, Boats, Clowns and Trick Dogs, 50¢ to \$1.95

Books of All Kinds, 15¢ to \$3.50

Sandy Andy Toys, 95¢ to \$1.75

—Lower Main Floor

Gift Pencils and Pens

Eversharp Pencils For men and women, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$6.50

Propelling Pencils In assorted colors. Price 25¢

Self-Filling Fountain Pens English make 50¢

Camel Fountain Pens English make \$1.00

Waterman's Fountain Pens Medium, fine and broad nibs; up, from \$2.50

—Main Floor

Boxed Stationery

Assorted Boxed Stationery Including cards, notepaper and envelopes. Large size \$6.50

Large Sized Boxed Stationery Assorted sizes in box. Per box \$5.00

Stationery Notepaper, envelopes and correspondence cards; assorted colors. Per box \$2.75

Boxed Stationery Assorted colors, notepaper, envelopes and correspondence cards. Per box \$3.50

Boxed Stationery 2 quires notepaper and envelopes, lined with pink, blue or mauve. Per box \$1.05 and \$3.95

Boys' English Imported Felt Slippers

Leather turn soles and leather bound uppers, Everett style. Per pair \$1.75

Gift Horse Correspondence Cards and Envelopes Per box 95¢

OM THE STORE OF A MILLION GIFTS

Monday Night Until Half-Past Nine



Women's Neckwear in Dainty Gift Boxes

Tuxedo Collars
In net and lace. At \$1.00 to \$1.95
Bramley Collar and Cuff Sets
In tulle and net. Price, per set, \$1.75 to \$2.50
Bertha Collars
In white and cream, net embroidered. Priced at \$1.95 to \$3.50
Cascade Vests
With attached collar. Price, \$6.50
Cascades in Voiles and Net
\$1.95 to \$4.50
Beaded Evening Scarves
Assorted colors. At \$12.50 to \$27.50
Feather Ruffs
In all-black, \$4.50 and \$5.95
Feather Ruffs
In white and white and black; \$5.95 to \$14.50
Marabou Caps and Stoles
\$5.75 to \$19.50
Scotch Wool Scarves
Best made. Per pair, \$2.50
Empress Kid Gloves
With two dome fasteners. Per pair \$3.00
Empress Suede Gloves
Silk lined. Per pair \$3.50
Main Floor



Christmas Gloves

Cape Skin Gauntlet Gloves
Heavy embroidered points, in brown, mink and grey. Per pair, \$4.95
Cape Skin Novelty Gloves
Pull-over style with fancy cuffs, in mode. Per pair, \$2.50
Cape Skin Novelty Gloves
Pull-over style, embroidered points, in brown, beaver and grey. At per pair \$3.95
Cape Skin Novelty Gloves
Turn-back cuffs; in grey, brown and beaver. Per pair \$3.50
English Made Cape Skin Gloves
In tan only. Per pair \$2.25
Hudsonia Kid Gloves
Best made. Per pair \$2.50
Empress Kid Gloves
With two dome fasteners. Per pair \$3.00
Main Floor



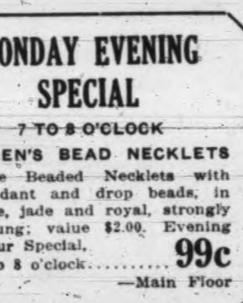
French Ivory

ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE
Our selections of French Ivory this season is by far the most varied and complete we have ever offered. Now is the time to make gift selections, while assortments are at their best.
Perfume Bottles
\$6.50 to \$6.00
Powder Boxes
\$1.50 to \$5.00
Hair Receivers
\$2.50 to \$3.75
Jewel Cases
Plush lined, \$3.50 to \$12.50
Ring Cases
Price \$1.50
Flower Vases
\$1.25 and \$1.50
Picture Frames
A big assortment, \$7.50 to \$3.50
Cuticle Knives
From \$0.50
Files
From \$0.50
Button Hook and Shoe Horn Combined
Price \$7.50
Paper Cutter and Book Marks
Price \$0.50
Double Picture Frames
\$2.50 to \$3.50
Clocks
For the dressing table or the mantel shelf. Prices, from \$5.00 to \$12.50
Nail Buffers
From \$5.00 to \$2.50
Soap Cases
From \$0.50 to \$1.75
Pin Cushions
Prices, \$7.50, \$1.75 and \$2.25
Boudoir Lamps
Handsome designs. At each, \$7.50
Main Floor



Women's Gift Hose

All-wool Hose
English made, wide tops. Pair \$1.25
Novelty Cashmere Hose
All shades and sizes. Pair, \$1.50
Mixed Coating Wool Hose
All sizes. Per pair \$1.00
Imperial Cashmere Hose
Black only. Per pair \$1.50
Morley's Novelty Cashmere Hose
In checks and stripes. Pair, \$2.50
Pure Thread Silk Hose
All shades. Per pair \$2.00
Pure Thread Silk Hose
With pointed heel. Per pair \$2.00
Pure Thread Silk Hose
With contrasting colored clocks. Per pair \$2.50
Pure Thread Silk Hose
Full fashioned, in black and colors. Per pair \$2.75
Glove Silk Hose
Plain and fancy. Per pair \$2.95
Satin Stripe Silk Hose
Per pair \$3.00
Pure Thread Silk Hose
Per pair \$4.50
Main Floor



Toiletries and Perfumes

Three Flowers, sets, \$5.00 \$8.50 and \$10.00
Three Flowers, compacts, 75¢ and \$2.00
Djer-Kiss Sets, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00
Djer-Kiss Compacts, \$1.50 and \$2.00
Coty's Face Powder
\$1.25
Coty's Compacts
\$7.50
Du Barry Bath Crystals
\$1.00
Du Barry Bath Tablets, per box, \$2.00
Du Barry Crystal Soap
\$4.00
Fancy Powder Puffs, 50¢ to \$4.00
Seely's Perfumes, 25¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Main Floor



MONDAY MORNING SPECIAL

BATHROBE BLANKETS
All ready to make up into a cozy Bath Robes complete with neck cord, girdle and frogs. Morning Special, 9 to 11.30 \$5.98
Main Floor

Fully Bleached Damask Cloths

Fully Bleached Damask Cloths
Made from heavy cotton yarns in many pleasing designs.
Size 58 x 55, price \$1.69
Size 64 x 64, price \$1.98
Size 70 x 70, price \$2.50
Size 70 x 85, price \$2.95
Napkins, per dozen \$3.25
Main Floor

Suggestions in Sporting Goods

Pocket Ben Watches for the boy \$2.00
Football, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$3.35
Boys' Boxing Gloves, per set, \$4.50
Men's Boxing Gloves, per set, \$10.00
Roller Skates, \$2.00 to \$4.25
Boys' Ice Skates, \$1.50 to \$2.50
Women's and Men's Skates, \$3.50 to \$6.50
Boys' Hockey Sticks, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00
Fish Lights, \$1.70 to \$5.00
Auto Strop Razors, per set, \$5.00 to \$16.50
Gillette Razor Blade Sharpeners \$2.50
Pocket Knives, for boys, men and women, 35¢ to \$1.95
Golf Balls, all best makes, per dozen, \$8.00 to \$9.00
Hudson's Bay Special Balls, per dozen, \$8.00 to \$9.00
Genuine Thermos Bottles, in nickel cases Value \$2.50, for \$1.95
Value \$3.50, for \$2.95
Value \$4.50, for \$3.50
Lower Main Floor

Drapery Department Suggestions

Cretonne Table Covers, Price \$1.10
Tapestry Figured Cushion Tops, \$1.25
Chintz Cushions, \$1.25
Cretonne Covered Cushions, \$2.50
Two-tone Velvet Cushions, \$2.49
Silk Chesterfield Cushions, at \$8.50
Silk Cushions, round shape, \$11.50
Tapestry Archway Curtains, per pair, \$9.95
Tapestry Table Covers, size 60 x 60, \$2.25
Third Floor

Inexpensive Gifts From Our Carpet Section

Bissell's Carpet Sweepers, \$5.50
Axminster Hearthrugs, \$3.75
Oval Pleated Rugs, priced at \$11.50
English Wool Rugs, \$5.75
Mohair Rugs, size 24 x 48, \$6.25
Mohair Rugs, size 36 x 72, \$13.50
Bissell's Vacuum Sweepers, \$13.75
Sheepskin Door Mats, \$5.75
Sheepskin Rugs, \$17.50
Axminster Door Mats, \$1.39
Wilton Door Mats, \$3.95
Chehille Rugs, for bedrooms, size 21 x 36, at \$3.50
Third Floor

Men's Dressing Gowns House Jackets and Fancy Vests

Men's Wool Dressing Gowns, in smart light fawn and grey shades. Collars with contrasting colors, \$9.95, \$13.95, \$18.95 and \$25.00
Men's Camel Wool Dressing Gowns, English manufacture; natural camel shade. Priced at \$18.95 and \$30.00
Men's House Coats, in fawn and light grey, trimmed with cord. Priced at each \$12.50
Men's English Wool Fancy Vests, \$6.50 and \$8.00
Men's Bathrobes, \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$12.50
Main Floor

Cigars and Cigarettes

Cigars
Legion of Honor, Robert Burns Invincibles, High Life Invincibles, Nobleman Superiors, Roosevelt, El Dorado Majestics and Tuckets, Preferred Perfecto Cigars in boxes containing 25 cigars. Per box, \$3.50
Cigarettes
Player's Navy Cut Cigarettes in Christmas packets, containing 100 cigarettes for \$1.70
Millbank Cigarettes in Christmas packets containing 100 for \$1.40
Main Floor

Boys' Fringe Gauntlets

Smart Brown Gauntlets with fringe on cuff; sizes 5 to 12 years. Morning Special, 9 to 11.30, \$69
Per pair Main Floor

EVENING SPECIAL

8 to 9 o'clock.
MEN'S FANCY CASHMERE SOCKS
All English made cashmere in novelty shades and designs. An opportunity for late Christmas shoppers to replenish your own stock; sizes 9 1/2 to 11 1/2. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9, per pair, \$9.80
Main Floor

Santa Claus

At home to the children Monday from 10 to 12 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m., in Toytown, Lower Main Floor

Suggestions in Sporting Goods

Gifts You Can Buy For \$1

FOR HER
French Ivory Soap Boxes \$1.00
French Ivory Photo Frames \$1.00
French Ivory Perfume Bottle and Holder \$1.00
Complete \$1.00
French Ivory Collapsible Drinking Cups \$1.00
Wool Gauntlet Gloves \$1.00
Gift Papier \$1.00
Novelty Earrings \$1.00
Convertible Shop Bag \$1.00
Hand-Colored Photo \$1.00
Calendars \$1.00
French Beaded Vanity Bags \$1.00
Leather Change Purse \$1.00
Colgate's Compacts \$1.00
Perfume Sprays \$1.00
Bath Crystals \$1.00
Eau De Cologne, per bottle \$1.00
Boudoir Caps \$1.00
House Dresses \$1.00
FOR HIM
Boxed Suspenders, choice assortment of colorings \$1.00
Garters and Armband Sets, for Knit Silk and Open End Neck Ties in Christmas boxes for \$1.00
Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with initial; two in box for \$1.00
Wool Mufflers in gift boxes for \$1.00
Grey Cape Gloves, \$1.00 in special folder
Brown and Black English Cashmere Socks \$1.00 two pairs for \$1.00
Wolsey All-wool Heather Hose per pair \$1.00
French Briar Pipes, \$1.00 all popular shapes
Dunhill's Oily Silk Tobacco Pouches \$1.00 Special \$1.00 English Shaving Brushes \$1.00 Shaving Mirrors \$1.00 Gillette Razors \$1.00 Kum A Part Initiated Cuff Buttons, per pair \$1.00

Gift Suggestions From the Silk Section

Blouse Length of Pure Silk Crepe de Chine
in all colors, including ivory and black. Lengths of 1 1/2 yards. Priced at \$2.93
Blouse Length of Striped Spun Silk
Lengths of 2 yards. Price \$3.90
Dress Length of High Grade Black Duchesse Satin
Lengths of 4 yards. Price, \$7.89
Underskirt Length of Wash Satin
All colors. Lengths of 1 1/2 yards. Price \$2.93
1 1/2 Yards of White Spun Silk
Length for 3 camisoles. Price \$2.20
Blouse Length of Printed Crepe
In shades of almond, rose saige and brown. Lengths of 1 1/2 yards. Price \$5.95
Main Floor



Men's Gift Shirts

Forsyth Shirts, in fancy cotton. Prices \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$3.75

Khaki Flannel Shirts; price \$3.50

English Flannel Shirts; collar attached and band styles. Priced at \$2.25.

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Percale Shirts, in fancy designs. Prices \$1.50 to \$2.50

English Broadcloth Shirts; prices, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00 and \$7.00

English Taffeta Shirts; prices, \$7.00 and \$8.00

Main Floor

Armbands, Garters and Suspenders

Suspenders in Gift Boxes; the famous

President make, in all shades.

Pair \$1.00

Silk Suspenders, in all shades, fine stitched leather ends. Pair, \$1.50

Suspender and Garter Sets in Neat Gift Boxes; made from wide web elastic. Set \$1.25

Silk Suspenders and Garters in novelty box. Per set \$2.00

Armband and Garter Sets in Neat Gift Boxes; in all shades, strong elastic webs. At, per set \$5.45

Ivory Finished Garter and Armband Sets; made from narrow web, making a slight weight; garter and armband; ivory trimmings. In neat gift boxes. Per set \$1.25

Main Floor

Mezzanine Floor

Suggestions in Women's Apparel

Afternoon Dresses

Misses' Evening Frocks

In two-tone and self-colored taffeta, in new pastel shades. Sizes 16 to 38. Prices, \$25.00 and \$26.50

Afternoon Dresses

In Canton crepe, flat, and wool and silk crepe. Newest model in latest shades. Sizes 16 to 40. Prices, \$18.95 to \$36.50

Sports Dresses

In good quality flannel and knit wool; new colors and styles. Sizes 16 to 20. Prices, \$8.95 to \$19.50

Wool Plaid Sports Skirts

In novelty stripes and checks, pleated and wrap-around styles in the newest color combinations; waist sizes 22 to 32. Prices, \$7.95 to \$15.00

Salt's Plush Coats

In loose and belted models, crushable collars and full lined. Some have choker and long roll collars of dyed opossum. Sizes 40 to 46. Prices, \$39.50 to \$49.95

Tailored Dresses

In navy, black and brown serge, tussocine and new twills. Smart styles. Sizes 16 to 44. Prices, \$7.50 to \$20.50

Pleated Sports Skirts

In good quality wool crepe and new twills, in brown, reindeer and zinc. Sizes 25 to 29. Price \$6.95

The New Frock Skirts

In wool crepe, knife and small box pleats, in black, navy, sand, zinc, coco, new-blue and others. Sizes 16 to 40. Prices, \$12.50 to \$15.00

Fur-Trimmed Coats

In the latest models, all-wool materials, with choker and long roll collars and cuffs of beaverine.

Sizes 16 to 42. Prices, \$27.95 to \$39.95

Second Floor

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Second Floor

Monday Evening Special in Women's Neckwear

Collars, Collar and Cuff Sets and Odd Ends in a great variety; values to \$1.50. Evening Hour Special, 8 to 9 o'clock... 59c

Main Floor



Glove Silk Hose in black and all shades; all sizes; values \$4.00 and \$4.50. Monday Evening Special, 8 to 9 o'clock, pr. \$2.75

Main Floor

Pure Thread Silk Hose with plain hem or elastic ribbed tops, some have pointed heels

-BASEBALL, GOLF TIMES SPORTING NEWS BOXING, SWIMMING-

Cougars Wind Up Tour With A Thrilling Win Over Lalonde's Boys

Clem Loughlin Is Hero of Game in Winnipeg, Scoring Goal in Overtime Period Which Gave Victoria Victory; Harry Meeking Saved Saskatoon From Tying Goal With But Seventeen Second to Go; Whirlwind Finish

With two wins to their credit, out of five games played, not a bad showing considering that all games were played on the road with the team traveling between fixtures, the Cougars are now on their way back to the Coast. Lester Patrick and his squad pulled out of Winnipeg last night after their victory over the Saskatoon Crescents.

The Cougars made the best showing of any of the Coast clubs during the tour, which substantiates the claim of many fans that Victoria has the best club in the P.C.H.A. Vancouver won but one of its games, while Seattle lost six straight. The victory of the Maroons was quite impressive as it was scored at the expense of the Regina Capitals, who previously had not been defeated this season.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Staging a spectacular finish, Victoria defeated Saskatoon three to two here last night in an inter-league game after one minute of overtime. It was a great game for the Cougars to win. With seventeen seconds to go in the third period Saskatoon was clinging desperately to a two to one lead, when Meeking broke away and evened the score. Loughlin gave the coast leaguers victory in the overtime by driving the puck past the brilliant Hainsworth on a pass from Jimmy Gibson right in the goal mouth.

For two periods the contest was uninteresting owing to the teams playing strictly defensive hockey, packing their defense and depending solely upon one and two man rushes. Saskatoon assumed a well earned one-goal lead in the opening spasm, while Victoria, due to Frederickson's brilliance ended the count in the middle session.

DAZZLING DISPLAY

With the score tied at the commencement of the third spasm, the teams unleashed a dazzling array of attacks which was never seen before. Three-quarters of the session both citadels underwent a constant bombardment with Victoria maintaining a marked advantage but finding the peculiar Saskatoon defence impregnable. Hainsworth in the "Sheiks" nets was particularly brilliant, finally, after fourteen minutes, and finally, after a period of "Newsy" Lalonde, the veteran leader of the Saskatoon squad, lifted one of his characteristic shots from centre ice. Fowler, who had been playing in truly sensational form, didn't see the puck and Saskatoon assumed a lead which it seemed would give them victory.

COUGARS PLUG ON

But Victoria simply would not admit defeat. Saskatoon packed its defense, while the Cougars had four and five men on the attack. The tactics that the "Sheiks" had adopted frustrated all the Victoria efforts until the final period. Lalonde, who along the left boards and Berlin, quite passed across. Meeking intercepted the pass, stickhandled his way along the right wing and then in on top of Hainsworth, lifting a backhanded shot into the corner of the net, amid the jubilation of the Victoria fans. Robertson and the district of the Saskatoon ladies who had victory within their grasp. The goal eventually gave the Cougars a sweet win and it sure was a tough loss for the dashing "Sheiks."

HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE FINAL PERIOD

It would have been a very ordinary game. As it turned out the contest was one of much and fast combat. It was the first appearance of the Saskatoon outfit and they made a fine impression with the fans. "Newsy" Lalonde has a team which will win a lot of games. Their defensive system is very effective though a novelty to local fans. Lalonde, in the opinion of Robertson, did not have the district of the Saskatoon ladies who had victory within their grasp. The goal eventually gave the Cougars a sweet win and it sure was a tough loss for the dashing "Sheiks."

MAROONS DETERMINED

With the exception of the second period, Regina failed to show the class they have exhibited in previous games here this season, not one of the players shining. On the other hand, Vancouver played superbly and made a massive game from start to finish.

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VICTORIA RALLIED WELL

Outplayed in the first period, and obviously facing another defeat, Victoria rallied in the second and third period and really deserved their win, though the breaks really decided the issue. Lester Patrick did not use his subs to any great extent and to this may be attributed their victory. The Cougars do not present as very strong front with Frank, Gibbons, Son and Meeking are resting, especially when the talented Frank is not on the ice. Freddie played very close to the top of his form and was way up for the most dangerous man on the Victoria team.

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HALDERSON TOO SELFISH

For Victoria, the defense deserves great credit. Fowler was as brilliant as ever, while Loughlin and Halderson were as hard to solve as a chess puzzle. Both rushed to the rescue, especially during the winning goal. Halderson was too selfish and was generally balked at the blue line.

The Cougar forwards Fredericksen was easily the best, though Gibson and Meeking were very useful, both figuring directly in the winning goal. Hart and Anderson were

Two Stellar Hoop Games Are Billed For Coming Week

First Presbyterians to Meet Blue Birds; Vancouver Team to Play 'Mets'

Two stellar basketball attractions will be provided next week in the city. The Sunday School Basketball League will be idle until after the holidays and this gap will be filled by exhibition games.

On Wednesday night at the Victoria High School gymnasium the First Presbyterians senior men's basketball team, champions of the city, will play the Sunday School senior men's league in the Sunday School loop, will clash with Jim Bryant's Blue Birds. This game should be a battle royal as the church team is well known for its strong lineup, while the Blue Birds provide a name for themselves the city during the present season. They made a trip to Kamloops and won a game in that city and they have also played the suburban teams at Jordan River and Sooke and have been able to give a good account of themselves.

STRENGTHENED TEAM

The Blue Birds, who played under the Crusaders' colors last year, are not entered in any local league, but they have added several new players to their quite strong and now possibly formidable organization. They will have a big job on their hands when they tackle the city champions as the team is composed of fast, strenuous players.

The Fideles girls, champions of the Sunday School League, and the North Shore girls, who are the best in the city, will meet in a friendly exhibition game and as these outfits are very evenly matched it is expected that they will provide a fine curtain raiser.

Next Saturday night, December 29, local basketball fans will have the opportunity of witnessing the speedy Ex Normals of Vancouver, when they meet the Metropolitan Methodists on the Y.M.C.A. floor.

The Ex-Normals are a very fast team and are at present leading the West Coast Division of the Vancouver Senior League.

Stan Moore, Cecil Hay, Vernon Jones, Gus McIntyre, John Brindley and Bill Huxtable will present a very formidable line-up for the Metropolitans. These players are all expert at the game and should give a good account of themselves against the mainland squad.

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Tickets will be on sale early in the week at the Y.M.C.A. office.

NATIVE SONG MAY COME

It is possible that the Native Sons, leaders of the Vancouver Senior City League, may also be here on the same date. If so they will be met by the First Presbyterians local senior champions for several years.

A senior girls exhibition game will also be played as an evening attraction, making an evening programme for next Saturday night.

WHITNEY'S GOT HIM

The boy under contract to Harry Page Whitney, New York millionaire turfman and record holder in the Spring to serve under the tutelage of "Jimmy" Rowe, called the

weekend at the Y.M.C.A. office.

Cold Shoulder Is Given All Blacks

By Scottish Union

New Zealand Rugby Team Not Wanted in Scotland on Its Tour Next Year

London, Dec. 22 (Canadian Pressable)—A new cloud is looming on the horizon as a result of the refusal of the Scottish Union to arrange any fixtures with the All Blacks (New Zealand rugby team), during next September. The English sub-committee sent invitation to all home unions last July, but without receiving any reason the Scottish Union replied that it did not intend to seek fixtures with the New Zealanders.

It is believed that the Scottish grievance originated as far back as 1905, when the All Blacks last visited this country. During their tour of Scotland they found that the All Blacks had infringed a ruling of amateurism by accepting a ruling allowance of three shillings a day, the Scottish Union went so far as to decline their share of the gate receipts from the New Zealanders which amounted to £2,000.

IGNORANCE ARRANGEMENTS

In stating their intention not to compete with the All Blacks the Scottish Union, it is pointed out, seems to ignore the fact that the financial arrangements of this tour are entirely in the hands of the English Union, who have expressed themselves as quite satisfied. The New Zealanders, it is declared, will not receive a penny from the tour, not even travelling allowances.

Traveling on the heels of McPherson's case the action of the Scottish Union in reviving a twenty-year-old grievance is arousing much adverse comment in rugby circles, besides causing deep resentment in New Zealand.

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Wednesday Leaguers

A special meeting of the Wednesday Football League will be held to-night at nine o'clock at the Broad Street Hall. All delegations are asked to attend as there will be a discussion over next year's fixtures, and the draw for Boxing Day. Some clubs favor the playing of the games, while others think they should be cancelled. Final arrangements will be made for the game between the picked teams of the Victoria and Vancouver Wednesday Leagues, to be played on New Year's Day.

SUMMARY

First period — 1. Calgary, Oliver from Gardner, 3:10; 2. Calgary, Morris from Gardner, 5:30.

Second period — 3. Calgary, Morris from Oliver, 5:55; 4. Seattle, Foyston from Walker, 11:00.

Third period — No score.

Youngster Who Rode His First Race in March Will be Crowned Leading Rider in U.S. at End of Year



Ivan Parke
LEARNED TO RIDE ON HIS DAD'S RANCH IN IDAHO

WONNER'S IN TWO DAYS AT LATONIA

IT WILL BE TWO MONTHS BEFORE HE'S A REGULAR JOCKEY

ROSE TO WINNERS IN TWO DAYS AT LATONIA

HOCKEY. FOOTBALL TIMES SPORTING NEWS BASKETBALL. RUGBY

Making Preparations For the Pas Dog Derby; Leading Event of Kind

Geographical Conditions Make The Pas Headquarters For Sport, Which Is Test of Endurance In Which Only Men and Dogs Born and Bred on Frontier Can Compete With Any Degree of Success; History of the Derby

The Pas, Man., Dec. 22.—Once more preparations for The Pas dog Derby are under way. Since the abandonment of the All-Alaskan sweepstakes in 1916 it has become recognized as the leading fixture of its kind in the world. Other communities may imitate but they can never hope to equal it, given geographical conditions tending to make The Pas headquarters for this sport. A 200-mile non-stop dog race is more than a race; it is a test of endurance in which only men and dogs born and bred on the frontier can hope to compete with any chance of success.

The Pas dog Derby was born in the Fall of 1915 in the old "Snake" room of the Ospasqual hotel, where gathered a handful of Northerners, and between the drinks discussed racing. The idea of establishing an annual race at The Pas took firm root and plans were laid to hold the initial race on March 17, 1916. Great interest attached to the announcement and here followed a flurry of enthusiasm among mushers to gather in their teams and the number increased. The race was more of an experiment and the promoters had in mind that it would result in stimulating breeding of a better type of sleigh dogs and bring to the notice of the world the mining possibilities of northern Manitoba. The object, it was said, was twofold. Not unconnected with the direction of the race had the slightest knowledge or dog racing, but this handicap in no way marred the first race from being carried through successfully. Most everyone in the north took a personal interest in the initial derby and the result convinced all that it must become an annual event and institution.

DOGS WERE UNTRAINED

The dogs used in the first race were the usual type of marten or wolf-huskies without protection or training.

The teams were brought into the starting point at The Pas gallantly decked with fox tails and ribbons and were sent away at five-minute intervals. The dogs were harnessed in file with a limit of five dogs per team. The drivers ran behind with a side hitched to the fore part of the toboggan to assist them in stopping the team and getting on and off the toboggan. The equipment carried was extra clothing for the drivers, moccassins and cooked fish for the dogs. While they were controlled against abuse or cruelty to their dogs, the penalty being disqualification from the race.

The lessons learned from the first race were put to good purpose and while it was suggested that the Alaska style of racing should be adopted for the second race, it was decided that the team had not arrived in embarking upon a larger enterprise with consequent larger purses and expense. So in both the second and third derbies practically the same style of racing was used as in the first. The only change made was to start the teams from scratch instead of at intervals.

ALWAYS A BLIZZARD

The mileage of these three races varied from 150 miles in the first race to 100 miles for the two subsequent ones. The purses varied, too, \$1,500 for the first two races to \$1,000 for the third race. All three races were held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, and it is a coincidence that a blizzard raged during each of the three races.

The late Walter Goyne was the first to introduce the Alaskan style of sleigh and he was also the first to drive his team in the shortest of the Alaskan style. Driving his dogs in this manner and using the Alaskan sleigh he was an easy winner in the 1920 derby.

Northern Manitoba mushers were not slow to learn the lesson and the fourth dog race in March 1, 1921, was a complete revolution in racing style and marked the adoption of the Alaskan method entirely. The course was lengthened out to 200 miles and the purse increased to \$2,500. It was the beginning of really classic dog racing in northern Manitoba and a resumption of a sport peculiarly northern and heretofore Alaskan.

MORGAN GAINS TROPHY

The last three races were won by C. E. Morgan, who had then secured the Burns trophy. A new trophy has been presented by A. L. Mattes, of the Pas Lumber Company, to be competed for under the same conditions. This cup, which stands about three feet high, is a splendid example of the silversmith's art and will rank as one of the best trophies in the country.

The cup—known as the Great River Walter Goyne Cup and will thus perpetuate the names in connection with The Pas dog derby of these two men who have passed to the Great Beyond, and the inscription on the cup is a kindly thought of Mr. Mattes with a view of keeping the memory green of these two men.

Past results follow:

The 1916 race—First, Albert Campbell; second, Jack Hayes; third, Bill Hayes.

The 1917 race—First, Bateson Campbell; second, Larry McCoy; third, Jack Hayes. The 1918 race—First, Walter Goyne; second, Bateson Campbell; third, Jack Hayes.

The 1919 race—First, Bateson Campbell; second, Larry McCoy; third, Jack Hayes. The 1920 race—First, Walter Goyne; second, Bateson Campbell; third, Jack Hayes.

The 1921 race—First, C. H. Morgan, W. Winterton driving; second, Larry McCoy, owner and driver; third, G. R. Bancroft, Thee Dupas driving.

The 1922 race—First, C. H. Morgan, W. Grayson driving; second, Dupas Bancroft; third, Jack Hayes.

The 1923 race—First, C. H. Morgan, W. Winterton driving; second, Dupas Bancroft; third, Jack Hayes.

The 1924 race—First, C. H. Morgan, W. Winterton driving; second, Dupas Bancroft; third, Jack Hayes.

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The 2006 race—First, C. H. Morgan, W. Winterton driving; second, Dupas Bancroft; third, Jack Hayes.

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New Styles—Best Grades

French Kid and Suede Gauntlet Gloves, made of soft, pliable skins; perfect fitting gloves, dressy and smart in appearance and shown in all wanted shades. A pair... \$4.50
Capeskin Gauntlet Gloves, with one-dome strap and gusset of contrasting color. Shown in shades of brown, grey and beaver. A pair... \$3.75
Novelty Cape Skin Gloves, made with turn-back cuffs of suede effect in contrasting color. They have silk embroidered backs and are in brown, grey and beaver. A pair... \$3.95

Gloves, Main Floor

Gift Sweaters for Children The Newest Styles

Children's Pullover Sweaters, in fawn, green mauve, blue and pink, trimmed with contrasting stripes. They are in fine weave, some with V neck, others with turn-down collar; sizes for 4, 6 and 8 years at... \$1.98
All-wool Sweaters, in boat-style, with brushed wool collars and finished with belt and pockets; for the ages of 2, 3 and 4 years. Fawn and Saxe... \$2.75
Larger sizes for the ages of 5, 6 and 8 years, \$3.75

Children's, First Floor

Children's Xmas Gaiters Excellent Values Monday

Children's Combination Gaiters in shades of brown, grey and white, with elastic at waist and buttoned on the side of the leg with pearl or dark buttons. These are for the ages of 2 to 7 years and priced to sell at \$2.00 \$2.25 and... \$2.50
Knee Length Gaiters of stockinet, corduroy, teddy bear cloth and wool; shades are white, brown and fawn. For the ages of 2 to 3 years. Priced at \$1.00, \$1.25 and... \$1.75

Children's, First Floor

Children's Wool Sets \$6.75 and \$7.75

These Wool Sets include sweater coat, toque, mitts and combination gaiters to match. The shades are cardinal cadet, fawn and turquoise. A set will make a most welcome gift for the ages of 3 to 6 years, at... \$6.75 to... \$7.75

Children's, First Floor

Children's Toques, Capes and Scarves

Children's White and Colored Knitted Toques, finished with pom pom on top; camel and white, for the ages of 4 to 10 years \$5.00 to... \$1.00
Children's All-wool Knitted Capes, white or blue, trimmed with white; pink trimmed with white, and finished with collar, cord and tassel. For the ages of 5 to 8 for... \$3.50
Children's Scarves, camel, brown and white, finished with fringe and suitable for the ages of 6 to 12. \$1.00 to... \$1.50

First Floor

New Style Handbags and Vanity Boxes

English Handbags of superior quality, made from a high grade morocco and velvet calf leathers, in a variety of envelope styles. Colors brown, navy, grey and black. Prices from \$4.95 to... \$14.75

French Beaded Bags, in new shapes, with the latest "Pannier" handle. They are lined with silk, the designs striking. Each \$5.75

A Large Selection of Handbags in pouch and envelope styles, also vanity boxes, in assorted shapes. They are well made and big values at... \$2.95

Vanity Boxes of the latest production, featuring a shell shape in wonderful color effects; fully fitted and with "Pannier" handle for fastening around the wrist, at... \$5.75

Strap Purse in an exceptional variety, with overlapping frames which make coins secure. Shown in morocco, seal, calf and sheepskin. There are travelers' samples in this lot, which are of the best quality. Values from \$1.25 to... \$6.75

Good Grade Beacon Cloth Dressing Gowns, in shades of lavender, grey, old rose, navy, pale blue and Saxe. Some have collars trimmed with fancy braid, others V-shaped neck finished with rich shades of satin. All have neat pockets and silk girdles. Sizes 16 to 44. Each... \$7.50
Heavy Beacon Cloth Dressing Gowns, in all the desired shades, made with shawl collars trimmed with satin and finished with rich silk girdles. Sizes 16 to 44. Exceptional values at, each... \$13.95

Mantles, First Floor



DRESSING GOWNS

For Women and Misses

Many Styles and Grades to Select From

Bathrobes of Heavy Flannelette, in shades of grey, turquoise, blue, navy, crimson, pink and lavender. The collar and cuffs are finished with satin and each has a wool girdle at the waist. Sizes 16 to 44. Special value at... \$4.95

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Motor Wraps of Brushed wool. Neat wraps for motor or street wear, and very much in demand. Each, at \$4.95, \$3.95, \$2.50 and... \$0.95

Dainty Gift Goods At Reduced Prices

A selection of needle cases, vanity bags, powder and mirror sticks. All to go at special prices. See this selection. Many big values.

—Art Needlework, First Floor

Women's Wraps and Scarves

Popular Gifts

English Icwool Scarves, shown in plain shades and made attractive by contrasting color borders. Many shades to select from, at each... \$3.75

Icwool Wraps in several shades, heavy in texture, and big values at... \$5.75

Motor Wraps of Brushed wool. Neat wraps for motor or street wear, and very much in demand. Each, at \$4.95, \$3.95, \$2.50 and... \$0.95

—Main Floor

Gift Handkerchiefs In Endless Assortment



Genuine Madeira Handkerchiefs of pure linen, hand-embroidered in beautiful eyelet embroidery. No finer work than this. Big value, each... \$5.00

—Main Floor

White Lawn and Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered in white or colored effect. A box... \$5.00

—Main Floor

Initial Handkerchiefs, of excellent weight and quality. All initials: ladies... \$2.50 and... \$3.00

—Main Floor

Fine Quality Handkerchiefs, in all white, solid colors or lace trimmed. A large assortment to select from; all neatly embroidered. A box, \$5.00, 75¢

—Main Floor

Children's Handkerchiefs, in wonderful selection of designs and colors. 3 for... \$2.50

—Main Floor

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered in white and colored effects; very neat and attractive designs. A box... \$3.00

—Main Floor

Children's Handkerchiefs, in plain colors or white. These are embroidered with animal heads or characteristic designs. Each... \$2.00

—Main Floor

Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, ITALIAN manufacture, heavy or sheer quality. Each \$2.50, 35¢, 50¢ and... \$6.00

—Main Floor

The Daintiest of Lingerie For Women's Gifts



Women's Silk Vests Choice Gifts

Women's All-silk and Silk Top Vests, opera top and built-up shoulder straps; plain finish, elastic top and finished with ribbon. Mauve, flesh and white. Special at... \$1.98

Women's Kayser Silk Vests, excellent weight silk, with plain top and ribbons; flesh and white; sizes 34 to 42. At, each... \$3.50

—First Floor

Silk Moire Petticoats, best grade and English make shown in all shades and offered at \$4.50 and \$5.90

Chiffon Taffeta Skirts and excellent grade English taffetas, shown in all the new colors and Roman stripes. Special value at... \$3.75

—First Floor

A Delightful Assortment of Silk and Satin Camisoles. Special at... \$1.90

Camisoles of fine dimity and dainty muslin, with lace yokes or silk tops. Priced at \$1.25

Camisoles of heavy skin shades white, mauve and flesh. Trimmed with lace, ribbons and French flowers. \$2.75 and... \$3.50

—Whitewear, First Floor

Pongee Bloomers in natural colors and of fine grade material, finished with double elastic at knee. Special \$2.50

—Main Floor

Bloomers of spun silk, white and flesh only... \$3.90

—Main Floor

Bloomers of satin, all colors at \$3.90, \$4.90 and... \$5.90

—Main Floor

Boudoir Caps in a great variety of styles, made of silk, lace muslin and net, and trimmed with lace and ribbons. \$6.00, 75¢, \$1.25 and... \$1.00

—Main Floor

Kimonas in all the newest colors. These are trimmed with hand-embroidered designs in silk. Priced at \$3.50, \$3.90 and... \$4.50

—Main Floor

No Better Gift for a Woman Than

A Dressy Sweater

Sweaters in cardigan, jacquette and pull-over styles, brushed wool and silk and wool. They are in shades of brown, jade, marigold and gold and white. Dainty sweaters and great value at... \$6.95

English Pullover Sweaters, in heather mixture shades, made with long sleeves, round neck, two pockets and tie belt. These are suitable for sports wear and are very neat at, each... \$7.95

—Sweaters, First Floor

GIFTS THAT WILL WIN FAVOR

Fur Neck Pieces in Beautiful Styles

In these handsome Fur Neck Pieces you are offered many choice styles, and all are of excellent quality.

Slip-ties and Chokers, of imitation ermine Kollinsky, mole, coney and beaver. Chokers fasten with head and clip; the slip-ties with fur button. Prices \$3.75 to... \$7.50

Slip-ties and Chokers, of electric seal, mole, coney, beaver, coney, imitation ermine and squirrel. Scarves with head and brush, of black, kid, goat, black and grey hare. Imitation Kollinsky squirrel, seal, coney, and Russian hare. Silk lined and priced at, each

\$11.75 to... \$19.75

—Main Floor

—Main Floor

Wide Straight Scarves of beaver, coney seal, coney, imitation and blue-dyed fox. All silk and special values at... \$25.00

—Main Floor

Straight and Circular Scarves silk lined and finished with fur buttons. Among them are beaver, coney, imitation mole and electric seal. Special values at... \$35.00

—Main Floor

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Buy Merchandise Scrip It Will Solve Your Difficult Gift Problems

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On Third Floor

Will be open on Monday
Evening till 7
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One Hundred Gift Shops Under One Roof

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Damask Cloths and Napkins Ideal Gifts for the Home

New Damask Cloths in All Sizes

1½-yard square; several designs. Each	\$2.00
2 yards square; several designs. Each	\$4.75 and \$3.98
2 x 2½ yards. Each	\$5.75 and \$4.50
The designs include tulip, lily of the valley, carnation, fern leaf and shamrock.	
Napkins to match, per dozen	\$5.75 and \$4.50

Pure Irish Damask Cloths and Napkins

Dinner Cloths, 2 yards square. Big value at	\$7.50
and	\$4.75
Dinner Cloths, 2 x 2½ yards. Big value,	\$9.50, \$8.75
Dinner Cloths, 2 x 3 yards. Big value, each	\$11.50
and	\$10.75
Dinner Napkins, to match, a dozen,	\$10.95 and \$8.75

Damask Linen Sets, One Tablecloth and Six Napkins

Cloths, 2 yards square, and 6 Napkins,	\$6.50, \$7.50
and	\$12.50
Cloths, 2 x 2½ yards and 6 Napkins,	\$7.00, \$8.75
and	\$15.00
Cloths, 2 x 3 yards, and 6 Napkins,	\$15.50, \$21.00

—Linens, Main Floor



Handsome Standard Lamps

Distinctive Gifts for the Home

Piano Lamp with walnut standard and large shade in rose color. Complete for...

\$45.00

Piano Lamp, with carved walnut standard; very handsome lamp with a tan shade. At...

\$50.00

A Junior Lamp, with polychrome, walnut, blue and gold standard and blue and gold shade. A very beautiful Lamp, and excellent value at...

\$35.00

A Low-set Lamp, with mahogany standard, and a shade of blue or rose. Special value at...

\$20.00

A Piano Lamp, with walnut standard, and shade in tan or rose. Special value at...

\$23.00

A Neat Bridge Lamp, with metal standard and rose shade. One of the prettiest shown...

\$25.00

Lamps, with mahogany standard and a blue and rose shade. Very handsome, and big value at...

\$35.00

—Furniture, Second Floor

A Rocking Chair for the Home

Rattan Rockers, in fumed finish, with upholstered pad back and cushions with spring seat

\$15.00

Rocking Chairs, with oak frame in golden finish, and upholstered in Craftsmen leather

\$12.50

Large Size Arm-Rockers, with roll seat. Hardwood in mahogany finish

\$8.90

Large Size Quartered Oak Arm Rockers, with roll seat; golden finish

\$8.90

Large Sea Grass Rockers, with closely woven seats, back and side arms

\$7.90

—Furniture, Second Floor

Burnt Leather Novelties At Reduced Prices

This Offering of Burnt Leather Novelties, includes letter holders, pipe racks, bill folds, bags, albums, match holders and correspondence cases.

—Art Needlework, First Floor

Cretonne Covered Bedroom Boxes

These Bedroom Boxes are made of best, white cedar, lined with plain sateen and covered with dainty bedroom cretonne. Boxes with arms each

\$13.75

Without arms and with box pleated frills, at each

\$10.75

Without arms and plain finish for

\$9.75

—Drapery, Second Floor

Practical Home Gifts

Gift Cushions

Real Down-filled Cushions of large size, covered with a strong beautiful silk and handsomely trimmed. Special

\$15.00

Luxurious Novelty Cushions, of large size, made very attractive by handsome trimmings. These are offered at less than half price. Each at

\$10.00

Round and Fancy-shaped Cushions, velours, silks and tapestries. Each

\$5.00

Cretonne-covered Cushions, 18 x 18 inches; covered with neatly patterned cretonne and trimmed with plain piping. Each

\$1.35

—Drapery, Second Floor

A Bissell's Carpet Sweeper

\$6.00 and \$7.75

Bissell's Carpet Sweepers

are renowned all over the continent as the most perfect sweeper made. They have full ball bearings and are easy running—Grand Rapids, \$6.00 American Queen \$7.75

—Carpets, Second Floor

Cretonne Shopping Bags

A Great Help

The bags are made of fine grade cretonne lined with plain material and every one has metal handle. One will be useful in carrying your small Christmas parcels

\$1.35

Toilet Articles

FRENCH IVORY—You are always safe in giving a piece towards the collection. We specialize in variety, quality and reasonable prices. Articles that make acceptable gifts can be purchased from 50¢ 75¢, 85¢ and \$1.00 up.

PERFUMERY—We are frequently complimented on our fine selections of exquisite odors. You can find something suitable at all prices from 30¢, 45¢, 50¢, 50¢ 75¢, \$1.00 and \$1.00 up.

SHAVING SUPPLIES—The man's useful gift. Razors, strops, shaving sticks; brushes, mugs, mirrors and complete sets. All at money-saving prices.

HAIR BRUSHES—The best selection in the city to choose from. Ladies Hair Brushes in ebony, satinwood, French ivory, etc. Priced up from

\$1.00

GIFT SILVER

Rogers and Community Silverplated Knives, in sets of six. Table and dessert size. A set

\$2.50

Silverplated Butter Dishes, complete with knife, \$1.50

Silverplated Butter Dishes, Rogers' "Heirloom" plate, each

\$3.75, \$4.50 and

\$6.25

Silver-plated Tea Sets, 3 pieces, teapot, sugar and cream. A set

\$20.00

Cut Glass Open Saltz, with two silver-plated spoons. A pair

\$1.50

Cut Glass Sugar and Creams a pair at 95¢ to \$13.50

Cut Glass Individual Salts and Peppers, with sterling tops. A pair \$2.00, \$2.10 and

\$2.25

Cut Glass Water Sets, jug and six glasses, \$2.95 to

\$25.00

Silver and Glass Dept., Lower Main Floor

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A Negligee Shirt for a Man's Gift

The Best Values Possible

Men's Negligee Shirts, with soft fronts and starch cuffs, made from percales patterned in neat blue or black stripes, on a white ground. Also sizes, each

\$2.25

Men's British Made Oxford and Cambrie Shirts, made in negligee style with neckband and soft, double cuffs, and patterned in fancy stripes on a white ground; \$2.75

\$3.75

Men's White Negligee Shirts, with starch fronts, starch cuff and centre pleat. A neat shirt for any occasion. All sizes, each

\$3.00

Men's All-White Cambrie Negligee Shirts, with soft fronts, starch cuff and centre pleat. A neat shirt for any occasion. All sizes, each

\$3.00

Men's High Grade Negligee Shirts, made from English broadcloth, a superior wearing material equal in appearance to silk at a lower price. White, plain colors or stripes; with or without separate collar, \$2.25 to

\$4.95

Men's Soisette or Mercerized Cotton Shirts, neckband and soft double cuffs; plain material of silk appearance and shown in plain colors and white. With separate collars to match, \$3.00 and \$3.75

Men's Union Flannel Shirts of excellent weight cloth, with turn-down collar attached, pocket and band cuffs. Sizes 14½, 15 and 15½, each

\$2.25

English Flaxman Oxford Shirts, for work or outing wear, with or without collar attached, and patterned in light or medium color stripes. Pullover styles, band or button cuffs. All sizes, each

\$2.35

Men's Furnishings, Main Floor



Men's Christmas Gift Gloves Excellent Grade and Dressy

Five Dozen Men's Brown Leather Gauntlet Motor Mitts, made with one finger and strap wrist. They are well lined. Regular \$4.95 for

\$3.95

Lined Tan Cape Gloves, Tan Cape Gloves, lined and with one dome fastener. At pair

\$2.00

Tan and Grey Mocha Gloves, silk Gloves, lined, with one dome fastener. Excellent

Unlined, \$1.75 to \$3.00

value at \$1.85 to \$2.00

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Ties for Men Neatly Boxed for Presentation

Bow Ties, of Cheny silk, patterned in fancy stripes and checks. Each

75¢

VICTORIA, B.C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1923

D. Lloyd George Sets Up Record For Election Talk

Made 60 Speeches in Three Weeks; Baldwin Second For Output of Words

London, Dec. 22.—It is now estimated that Lloyd George spoke almost 180,000 words in less than three weeks in the recent British election campaign, making sixty speeches on a tour of 2,000 miles.

This creates a record in election eloquence and travel which has not been rivaled in this country.

In the famous Midlothian campaign Herbert Gladstone spoke 80,000 words—and his oratory was denounced by his opponents as a danger to the empire. Beside Lloyd George's achievement—which is a remarkable proof of his powers of recuperation, after the exhausting tour of the United States—that of Premier Stanley Baldwin seems almost insignificant, for the Premier is believed to have spoken only 55,000 words in his campaign.

According to the Premier Baldwin covered a good deal of ground, but, as he concedes himself, he is no orator, and his platform manner is that of a business man issuing a prospectus, compared with the eloquent speech of Lloyd George. Ramsay MacDonald made the poorest showing of the leading speakers, having devoted himself mainly to his own Welsh constituency of Aberavon.

WORK-OF-PARTY-CHIEFS

Although nation-wide speaking is not in the tradition of Labor electrification, MacDonald carried out a strenuous campaign on his automobile stage, traveling the west-country from London to Wales. The extent to which the campaign pivoted on personal party chiefs was one of the features.

Although his work is behind the scenes, the work of the campaign manager is quite outstanding. However, the manager is the most inconspicuous figure in the elections.

It is a fact that not one voter in a thousand has so much as heard the names of Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, who controlled the Conservative electorate, or of the others who were in Liberal or Labor headquarters.

This is due largely to the fact that campaign managers do not have opportunities for coming into public notice. Any orderly plan for plotting out a campaign must in advance be suited to the country, as a result of the fact that the date for dissolution of Parliament is entirely in the discretion of the Premier, so that one never knows when a general election is coming until it is right at hand.

When the campaign does come, it must be conducted within a period of less than three weeks. This in turns explains what seems to observers the sustained tumultuousness of British elections. There is simply no time for a campaign to be conducted in an orderly manner.

HECKLER" AN INSTITUTION

The "heckler," who injects relevant or irrelevant questions in the middle of a candidate's speech, is a recognized institution in British electioneering, and the candidate who is not ready with a retort for him stands in poor case. He is, however, an institution, went so far as to demand general elections in the terms of "a free and open discussion supplemented by any amount of relevant interrogations."

The obvious disadvantage of British procedure is that it is more difficult to prevent the heckling" than to get rid of it, mere obstructionism.

That is exactly what happened in this election to an extent unknown in recent years. In early days it was the part of a candidate's normal routine to stand hissing and face volleys of rotten eggs and fruit, but these days the amenities between have fallen into disuse.

This year, however, a number of speakers were howled down and meetings were turned into riots. At least half a dozen constituencies the candidates were compelled to abandon. Conservatives and Liberals charged these methods of violence were organized by Laborites, but Labor headquarters denied the charge, and the Labor paper, "The Daily Herald," even made a counter charge against its opponents of raising large crowds in order to gain sympathy.

It is a penal offence to break up a political meeting here, but for obvious reasons no candidate would ever lay a formal charge of this nature. At the same time, the defeated Winston Churchill, who was instrumental in getting from the type of disturbance claims the new Parliament will take steps to make future British general elections safe for democracy.

Strike Reveals They Can't Read

London, Dec. 22.—A strike which did a lot of good, and might have done a great deal more if it had only lasted longer, has just come to an end in England. This strike was of the men who operate the big barge canals in the north. While the strike was in progress, the transport and general workers' union discovered that many of the bargemen, two-thirds of whom are over 50 years old, could neither read nor write.

Accordingly, the union approached the Birmingham education committee and asked it to arrange classes. This the authorities did, and for the first time in their lives the men went to school, the union paying the tuition. It was found the men were very eager to learn, and although some of them handled their pens and pencils as though they were boathooks at the end of three weeks a few of them were advanced far enough to read simple words.

Lengthy figures proved an interesting task, one man becoming particularly excited when the number of his barge was written on the blackboard.

WILL BRITAIN'S NEXT CABINET BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?



Since the election, Britain's political wise men have been speculating as to the personnel of a Labor Government, which is likely to be called on to take power in the near future. The latest and what-purposes-to-be-an-authoritative forecast, comes from London this week. In the line-up of twelve, there are three women. From left to right, top row: (1) Arthur Greenwood, Minister of Education; (2) Miss Susan Lawrence, Ministry of Health; (3) Miss Dorothy Jenson, Education; (4) Miss Margaret Bonfield, Ministry of Health; (5) Sydney Webb, Secretary for the Colonies; and (6) Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Lower row: (1) Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary; (2) Arthur Henderson, Home Secretary; (3) J. H. Thomas, war office; (4) J. R. Clynes, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons; (5) Lord Haldane, Lord Chancellor; and (6) Col. Josiah Wedgwood, First Lord of the Admiralty.

New Woman M.P. To Wear Jewels And Bright Gowns

Lady Terrington Hits Quiet Attire of Lady Astor; to Dazzle Commons

London, Dec. 22.—The "Mother of Parliament" is at last beginning to recognize her daughters with the election of eight women to the British House of Commons.

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INDESCRIBABLE PALLOR
ON BONAR LAW'S FACE

Scenes on Lord Beaverbrook's Tennis Courts and in the Abbey Recalled by Beverley Baxter

A YOUNG Canadian has given some vivid recollections of the inherent simplicity and humanity of the late Mr. Bonar Law. Under the title of "Memories" in the London Sunday Express, of which he is literary editor, A. Beverley Baxter, the young Toronto journalist, tells of the occasions he met the Canadian premier of England at Lord Beaverbrook's, principally on the tennis courts.

"I like to think of him the first time I saw him."

"It was in 1920. The Coalition was tottering to what seemed an immediate catastrophe. Mr. Lloyd George was dazzling the world somewhere in Europe. On the storm-swept bridge Mr. Bonar Law was keeping the ship away from the rocks, tireless, skillful, powerful. At the height of the crisis the House adjourned as usual on Friday. On Saturday I motored out to Lord Beaverbrook's country house and found that every one was on the tennis courts."

"When I reached the courts I caught my first glimpse of Mr. Bonar Law. He was engaged in an energetic but restrained argument at the net (the restraint being mostly on his side) with his host. I hesitated to interrupt them because obviously the discussion was important and presumably political. At last Bonar Law brought the debate to a close with a finality that could not be questioned.

"It was out," he said, "suavely but firmly. The ball was distinctly out. There was no use your making a case to the contrary because there is the mark, and I abide by it."

"Trivial, I know, but I like to remember him for his vigorous health then, his zest for the game, and also because it was my first intimation that statesmen, even at moments of crisis, are not very different from the rest of us."

"He played tennis as one would have expected him to play—cautiously, with never a double fault, without any fancy serves or killing strokes, but with a most exasperating patience and an unerring instinct for placing the ball in a spot most awkward to his opponent."

"Some months went by; then, almost imperceptibly at first, the parliamentary strain began to tell on him. One Saturday in March, 1921, he seemed to have recovered his vitality. He won three sets, and those playing with him were delighted to see him as he had been before. It seemed as if the streams of energy were reawakening within him. At the end of the game he walked down to the house for tea, and half an hour or so later I saw him there."

"A dreadful change had come over him. He was sitting by the window, and his face had a grey pallor about it that spoke of the breaking point. Sorrow and suffering and indescribable fatigue were written there. After tea he went alone into the library with his host. When they emerged they both walked silently to the motor car, and without a word Mr. Bonar Law drove away."

Four days later he sent his resignation as leader of the Conservative wing of the Coalition.

"The streets were placarded with only one newswall. The political clubs were hot with rumor. Every possible interpretation was put on the resignation. Intrigues and counter-intrigues sprang up like mushrooms. The political pot boiled over. The consensus of opinion was that it was the culmination of a Conservative plot to wreck the Coalition."

"And at No. 11 Downing street, a weary, wistful figure sat oblivious to it all. 'I am quite worn out,' he had written to the prime minister."

"That was all."

"Perhaps I may be excused if I tell another tennis anecdote which may bring out the strange unpretentiousness of his personality."

"One Sunday, about a month after the meeting I just described, I was playing tennis on Lord Beaverbrook's court in town. My opponent was a young chap, and we had just started our second set when Mr. Bonar Law, with his daughter Catherine, his son Anthony and his son-in-law, Sir Frederick Sykes, arrived in tennis costume."

"I at once went over and offered the court to the prime minister."

"'No, no,' he said, with that soft persuasive Scottish voice that was so soon to leave him completely. 'I wouldn't think of taking the court from you. Go on and finish your set. Do.'

"He was so concerned about interrupting our games, and so self-effacing that actually I returned to the court and was about to serve when unfortunately, I came to my senses."

"This man," I said to myself, "is the prime minister of Great Britain. He has probably only a half-hour or so free. And I have the effrontery to make him wait while I finish a set with a boy."

"We left the court at once. It seems incredible that we could have contemplated anything else. Yet those who knew 'Bonar' will perhaps understand."

"When we were going away that day I noticed that he looked grey and fatigued. And when he smiled in saying good-bye there was a wistfulness that suddenly made me say something which I had not intended."

"I suppose, sir," I said, "you know how proud we are, those of us who come from Canada."

"He looked at me and smiled. 'I am glad of that,' he said simply."

"You are very close to our hearts," I said.

"I am glad of that, too," he repeated, and his face grew strangely pensive.

"I need the good wishes of my friends."

"Less than a month afterwards he sat in the House of Commons unable to answer questions. His voice had become inaudible, yet party dissension had left his government so ill equipped that he did not dare to leave the front bench, directing his forces through his lieutenants—even in his silence the greatest political strategist of many years."

A PAGE ABOUT PEOPLE

Sidelights on Men and Women in the Public Eye

Sorel Flouts the King, Refuses English Trip

Famous French Actress Creates Sensation When She Keeps Her Name From an Advertising Stunt

NOT many people can afford to flout the wishes of the King and Queen. Yet, according to the reports, a French actress has done it.

Rather than lend her name and reputation to what she considered an advertising stunt, Cecile Sorel, star of France's greatest actress, the Comédie Française, France's state theatre, created a sensation the other day by refusing point-blank to appear before the King and Queen of England.

The occasion was the presentation of the film of Citroën's caterpillar cars' expedition across the Sahara before the British court at the request of King George. Sorel was to recite the accompanying poetry by Jean Richépin. So much importance seemed to be attached to Sorel's presence that the court refused to accept as a substitute Madeleine Roch, another Comédie Française star, whom the director suggested when it was discovered that Sorel happened to be billed to play in Paris on the appointed day. The minister of fine arts personally intervened and tried to persuade Sorel to go to London, but she refused even to please George V.

TOO MUCH ARGUMENT

A GOOD story was told the other day by the premier of Western Australia, Sir Francis Newdegate, as typifying the silence and loneliness bred of life in the vast unpeopled spaces of the interior.

Two men, it appears, were camping together, but rarely exchanged a word. One morning one of the men remarked at breakfast:

"Heard a cow bellow in the bush just now."

Nothing further was said, and they went about their business for the rest of the day.

Twenty-four hours later, once more at breakfast, the second man said:

"How'd ye know it wasn't a bull?"

Again a pause of twenty-four hours.

Next morning the first man began to pack up his "billy" and "swag."

"Going?" inquired the other.

"Yes."

"Why?"

"Because," said his friend, "there's too much argument in this camp."

TOO MANY TRAIN STOPS, AUTHORESS HAS CURE

ISABEL ECCLESTONE MACKAY, well-known Canadian authoress, was one of a party traveling to Lake Windermere, B.C., in August of last year, to attend the David Thompson Memorial celebration. As the railway from the golden south to Windermere is only a branch line, the train made frequent stops—in fact, so frequent as to be irritating. At length the train halted at a station called Briscoe.

"Too bad it isn't a Briscoe car instead of a station," said someone. "We might get there some time."

"Better still if it were Crisco," said Miss Mackay, referring to a commodity well known to housewives. "It might shorten the journey."



Church Doorman in Livery

This is George La Mond, the doorman in livery at the West End Presbyterian Church in New York. He has been engaged by Rev. A. Kelgwin, the pastor, to help his church members in and out of their automobiles. He also hauls taxi-cabs and watches over the cars parked outside the church. On accepting the position La Mond is said to have quoted the verse: "It is better to be a doorman in the House of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Never Had a Wakeful Night, Lloyd George Sleeps at Will

CAN Go to Sleep in Three or Four Minutes—Wakes in Half An Hour As Fresh as Ever—Never Walked Floor Even in Worst Days of the War.

AN you sleep when you like?

Can you, instantly and at any time, free yourself from the worries and distractions of your day and sink into dreamless slumber?

He who can do these things is a happy man. Able to tap at will an unfailing source of fresh energy, he is fitted to direct great affairs in great emergencies. Because he can always draw across his tired eyes the soft veil of sleep he can front responsibilities too vast for another man. He is in one important respect at least another Napoleon, another Edison.

He is also another Lloyd George. The faculty of instant sleep is one which the statesman of modern times shares with the great soldier of the past. Napoleon could snatch his

Lloyd George

four hours amid the thunder of hostile guns. Lloyd George can sleep when he wills. It is questionable whether history can produce men who bore the tremendous responsibility of the world's affairs so long as did these two. The post-armistice years have been strewn with the wreckage

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I finished the day and went to sleep."

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ARNOLD BENNETT'S SLAVEY ANGEL

In His New Story, "Riceymen Steps," Famous English Novelist of the Five Towns Produces Masterpiece of Humor and Pathos in Which the Heroine Is a Young Charwoman With a Big Loving Heart

By PROFESSOR W. T. ALLISON

I should not be surprised if three months from now the sale of Arnold Bennett's new novel, "Riceymen Steps" (McClelland and Stewart, Toronto), equalled that of Hutchinson's now famous story "If Winter Comes." In the first phase of its accession in the seventh heaven of popularity, Bennett has the advantage over Hutchinson in that he is already a well-known writer, the author of twenty-five novels, most of them good, some of them such as "Clayhanger" and "The Old Wives' Tale," exceedingly good. And when the general public learns that an old reviewer like James Douglas had written the other day of "Riceymen Steps" that J. B. Priestley of "The Spectator" rises from reading it to reaffirm passionately and delightfully that its author is a genius, and that other London critics hail it with joy as a book nearly flawless, one in which Arnold Bennett "has found his soul," then he may more easily digest the meaning of this "ridiculous tale" as it is not good guessing that here is a novel that is bound to have a prodigious sale?

CLARKENWELL DISTRICT

But "Riceymen Steps," is neither splendid nor magnificent if we hold to the actual meaning of these much-abused words. Scott's "Kenilworth" is a splendidly magnificent tale because it is a masterpiece of art and honest, glorious entertainment; but "Riceymen Steps" has for its background a dusty old second-hand bookshop in Clerkenwell, London, and the few people who live there are just ordinary human beings. At least they seem so at first sight. Henry Earward, the bookseller, is an old man with a white beard and a kindly way, which pleasure had been agreed upon beforehand as the big event of the day. The bookseller fell in with the idea. In consenting to gratify her whim, to indulge in more expense, he had the sensation of a young millionaire clasping emerald necklaces round the divine necks of his pets. And when the bride suggested that they should visit Madame Fussaud's wax works before going to the church, Earward said, "I'll go only for once." Mr. Bennett's description of the visit of the bride and groom to the wax works is very amusing. The groom was delighted when he found there was a free moving picture show there, for he promptly made up his mind that this would be a good substitute for the wedding excursion. After a walk about the shop, the bride and groom were taken to the presents out of their stockings. Let my eye awaken to the roar of the toy train rushing across the floor and colliding with

get an afternoon off. But me? When night and day? Night and day? Cold? Very cold by night? And so now you know I've only wanted to tell you, but I didn't, because I thought it was my duty to struggle on. Besides, I didn't want to upset you. Well, now I do want to upset you!"

STEAKLESS HENRY WINS OUT

"You're shortening your life," she went on after he had put in a mild word of dissent. "That's what you're doing," she said with chill ferocity. "Not to speak of mine. What's mine? What did you have for your dinner out today? You didn't tell me because you stayed yourself, didn't you tell me?" She laid her head on the table just like a schoolgirl abstaining from self utterly to some girlish grief, and went on crying, but not angrily and rebelliously now—mournfully, self-pityingly, tragically. And then she sat up straight again, with suddenness, and shot new fire from her

eyes and instead of replying to her compassion for herself grew silent, since there was no longer need for its expression. She tried hard to concentrate on the hardness of her lot, but I could not. Another idea insisted on occupying her mind, and compared to this idea the hardships or her lot were trifles.

"I've lost my power over him."

OUR SCENERY AND ITS HISTORY

By ROBERT CONNELL

"I have disclosed almost too much of the plot of the story already and in fairness to the author I will desist from giving the situation, which leads us to the last line of the page. And that young woman is in reality the character that lifts this whole story out of sordidness into glorious idealism. It was a daringfeat for Mr. Bennett to choose a slavey for his heroine, but he has accomplished it with entire success. His book is a work of art, a possible creature, but a woman of flesh and blood, a living, breathing sum angel who is good by instinct not by rule, a woman to laugh over, to cry over, one to remember among the very best creations of English fiction.

STEPHEN LEACOCK

"MY IDEAL CHRISTMAS"

Wanting What I Really Want, and Staving Off What My Heart Does Not Desire.

To begin with, for my ideal Christmas, I want plenty of—ah, I know that this is a daringly original idea—but I state it just the same. And I want the snow to glitter in the winter sunlight like golden coins; or if golden coins are out of the question just now, I want to see the snow falling slowly in great soft flakes to give my hands and catch these flakes, and I'm not sure it is necessary for them to fall slowly either. No, on second thoughts, they may fall as fast as they like, I can catch them in my hat.

Then in the next place, I want my ideal Christmas to be in a house where there are children, and to have it begin early, early in the morning, in fact way back in the night with the sound of the blowing wind-sheets and the playing of mouth organs, while the children are taking the presents out of their stockings. Let my eye awaken to the roar of the toy train rushing across the floor and colliding with

it, dress up dolls and play with them all the afternoon.

But for my ideal Christmas I like to cast all pretence aside and have the toys for myself. I'd like to spread out on the floor one of those new elaborate toy railways with the signal boxes and the station houses, and then get three or four men over from my club to help me run it. I could get a couple of taxicabs of them in a minute.

SOLITAIRE WITH KNIFE AND FORK

I turn to the question of Christmas dinner. On this point again I have very pronounced views. I'd like to be left alone with it. The more deeply I reflect on Christmas dinner, (and I have done so for fifty-four years) the more I feel that I'd like to get at it all by myself. There are things there that want to eat with a completeness of concentration which I cannot get in general society.

That Christmas turkey with the



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the chest of drawers and let me hear the rapid fire of the pop gun.

These early sounds of the awakening nursery are, I say, the best prelude for an ideal Christmas. Then as they begin to wax a little fainter and to be replaced by the sound of children being washed and dressed, I should wish to sit up in bed in a dressing gown and sip chocolate and examine my own呈

SOME THINGS TO OMIT

To discuss these in open print before this eyes of my eager friends is a rather delicate matter. Noting exactly what I want I fear they will perhaps store up the information in their minds for use years and years later. I can only beg them that they will not so store it up.

At least I may with perfect taste indicate a few of the things that I do not eat, and am reluctantly compelled to refuse.

But I regret to say that my desire is to have a new copy of OMAR KHAYYAM, Tennyson's MAID, and Longfellow's EVANGELINE, has long been satisfied. In fact I should like to say in a general way that if any of my friends are thinking of sending me a book (and such a thought has this year never even suggested itself) it is excellent that they should be much gratified if they will simply send me the money and I will go and pick out the book myself. It is a pity that Lord Haldane's RELATIVITY costs twenty-five shillings or perhaps Mrs. Asquith's MEMOIRS—I don't mean the last ones, I mean the next ones—

but that they are a little cheaper.

But I pass on to the question of winks, to the more important matter of articles of prime utility. Under this head I classify all mufflers, suspenders or braces (whether hand-embroidered or machine stitched) all socks, slippers, collar boxes and any other similar articles which are not useful. If I had a wife that acted as self-abnegation to all the world, I would have to give her a terribly coarse apron of sack-cloth. This, an angel, was an offence; it was an outrage. But not for her; she regarded it as part of a uniform, and such an apron was, in fact, part of the regular uniform of thousands of women in Clerkenwell. If Elsie was a stout, dirty, and without any grace of manner, she would be a woman that she had absolutely no inducement or example to be otherwise. It was her natural, respectable state to a miser.

A CONFESSION

Let me here make a very open confession. What I would really like for Christmas would be a few of those interesting mechanical toys which I have seen in the toy steam engine, and a toy windmill, and one of those toy cranes with the pulleys. In fact, all that sort of thing. So do all men.

On pretence of showing the children how to work them we really set and play with them for hours; just as our wives under pretence of showing the children how to do, at \$50.00 on each cop-

RAMBLES ROUND VICTORIA

OUR SCENERY AND ITS HISTORY

By ROBERT CONNELL

On a glorious June day I stepped off the train at Langford and took the road that leaves the Island Highway at a sharp angle and runs north into the Highland district. The Millstream Road (to give its familiar name) is the first that has the greatest length of the Colwood delta, but before long enters a more diversified country in which the lighter timber of the plains is replaced by a denser and larger growth. On the left hand side I passed a delightful spring of water and here and there were wet patches by the roadside where blossomed the blue bell wild flowers, and the water-cress—related masses of rock mark the entrance upon the diorite rocks. The frequently rise precipitously from the surrounding ground all through this Highland District and give variety to the scenery; at the same time they testify to the severity of the erosion to which the district was subjected during the Ice Age, and the testimony with the many lakes which represent so to speak the negative to the monadnock's positive. Two miles' walking brings one to the bridge across the Millstream. It is a pretty spot, much favored by picnickers. The sombre Douglas firs are softened by the presence of that most charming of our forest conifers—the cedar, which is the emblem of the Ferry foliage. Already the ground is moist enough for lady ferns which are rare in the drier districts. Pressing on a short distance I come to Aldermere's black entrance gate and the old house whose white walls are embowered in ivy. Here the road and river pass through a small limestone trough. Over the white terraces and boulders of marble the stream tumbles noiselessly. A few yards further on an old limestone stands by the roadside on the left while on the right is the quarry from which the stone was taken. Naturally one turns in to look at the cutting. Some of the rock is almost a pure white marble, but generally it is a greyish-green, which I brought home and had polished shows parallel, but more or less broken lines of a black carbonaceous substance, probably the altered remains of some plant-life associated with the original coral reefs. In places wollastonite or tabular spar is to be found, white with a fibrous structure. It is a lime silicate resulting from the metamorphism of the limestone.

Malahat Range, a group of some half frozen large and small sheets of water. During the greater part of its course it follows the path of the old glacial Colwood River whose valley extends on the Land of the Colwood Indians. But at Goldstream, just after receiving the waters of Waugh Creek, it suddenly turns north and has cut through the Leech River Slates and Malahat Volcanics it flows rapidly to Findlayson Arm, but at the head of the Arm it has, during the long years, built a delta part of which is now covered with noble trees, part is covered with a dense growth of grass through which the tide comes along winding passages, and part extends as tidal flats. On reaching the back portion it becomes for a great part of the year a gentle stream and the debris which lines its banks shows what it is like.

The Windermere Flats are justly celebrated for the profusion of ferns which grow in its rich moist soil, composed largely of the fine river sand and enriched with the decay of fallen leaves. The confers are interspersed with fine old maples, and alders of large size are abundant. Up the hillside hazel bushes bear their nuts. Everywhere there is a rich inheritance of vegetation. But a recent visit made me feel that some of the beauties of the Flats are in danger. One delightful glen was covered over by the ruin, attendant upon logging operations. A spring on the hillside's path was completely lost in the welter of wasted timber and branches, and the pathway disappeared. Another glen, a mile away, with its adjacent and tributary slopes including Mr. Finlayson should be a public reserve and every effort made to preserve its primitive beauty and its characteristic flora.

THE CAMPIONS

An introduced Campion, not infrequently found about old-fashioned gardens, is the Bladder Campion, Silene Catifolia. The calyx is round and swollen and covered with netted veins, and the petals are white. The Sleepy Catchfly, Silene antirrhina, is a pink campion with a long petiole, which is divided into two pinnacles enscribed on its English name: its blossoms require sunshining for their expansion and its sticky stems are perilous to small insects. It loves dry soil and is not uncommon about the Willowes, another campion, Silene secunda, and another Catchfly, its white or pink blossoms may be seen in August. On August 24 last I picked it at the Chinese Cemetery. The Rose Campion, Lychnis coronaria, is a pretty garden escape occasionally met with, especially in the drier situations, which are crimson or magenta flowers. It is sometimes called the Mullein Pink from the resemblance of its leaves to those of the common mullein.

THE CHICKWEEDS

Chickweeds is well known as a troublesome weed and as a deadly forage bird. Some British species are pretty flowers of some size, but our local ones are generally quite minute. But the Mouse-Ear Chickweed, Ceratostigma arvensis is with a very handsome flower, not quite equal to the Ceratostigma of the rock gardens, which may be blown to atoms often of incredible fineness, which ultimately settle down and form beds such as this. To these resulting rocks the name of tuff is given. In many places the surface of the layers of rock which crop out everywhere along the left are gleaming with a pearly lustre. This is due to the development of a white mica, the latter form of white mica. As the bed passes into the region of the Leech River Slates near its junction with the old road to Goldstream the shining black surfaces will be noticed, caused by presence of graphite, the mineral known so well in lead pencils and stove-polish. Everywhere are small and large beds of quartz. From these come the gold which more than half a century ago, gave such fame to the Goldstream District and to this countryside filled with red-shirted bearded miners with their pack-mules and sluice-boxes, heading inwards to Leechtown. A few years ago, a still well-defined pack trail could be followed from Goldstream Hotel along the bed of the river valley and across the road, and then over the Saal covered slopes of Mt. Skirt to the little valley beneath its summit and that of Mt. Finlayson. It can still be faintly discerned and here and there old prospect holes are to be seen. I concluded my walk at Goldstream Station, where I caught the evening train to Victoria, having come along the Island Highway a stage can be taken from Langford Lake and its little waterside community. The trip is a little over ten miles from Langford Station to Langford Lake or to Goldstream Station by the cut-off road to the hotel just under that distance, and the route is not varied a one as I know for the mileage covered.

THE SANDWORTS AND SPARREYS

The Seashore Sandwort, Arenaria pedunculata, also known as Sea Purslane, is a seashore plant with its flowers not very numerous. The petals distinguish it from the chickweeds as they are without division. The Thyme-leaved Sandwort, a serpyllidium, covers much the same geographical ground as the former, but

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is an inhabitant by choice of dry stony and waste land. The slender Sandwort, A. tenella, is common here in dry places. The leaves are fine, narrow and smooth, and the ascending stem is generally single, with small white flowers. The Sand Sparrey, Spergularia marina, will be found around the Esquimalt lagoon for this is the habitat it loves. I brought some plants to Victoria and they flourished well. Two British wild pinks, the Deptford Pink and Mallow Pink, have been occasionally found about Victoria introduced by way of plants or seed from the old land.

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I would not sing of the warrior bold
With his lance or shining sword,
His serried armies rank on rank,
His barking gun and cumbrous tank,
Spitting death on the enemy's flank
In the lands of the Living Lord.

I would not sing of the submarine
That lurks in the long fiord,
And the earth's oceans, north and south,
Flinging destruction to age and youth,
With winged torpedoes, strange, uncouth,
In the seas of the Living Lord.

I would not sing of the aeroplane
That into the heights has soared,
With noxious gas and high-powered gun
Raining death from beneath the sun—
Swooping to kill and turning to run—
In the skies of the Living Lord.

But I would sing of the humble souls,
Of the worthy hands and clean,
Of those mistrusting force and guile
Who labor to make this earth to smile
With fruits and flowers, mile on mile,
And live for the Great Unseen.

G. E. W., Victoria, B.C.

THE DAY OF DAYS

MANY years ago a little girl wrote to the New York Sun: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Francis Pharcellus Church answered her letter in an editorial which is a Christmas gem and which shines ever brighter with the flight of time:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. And you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginians. There would be no childhood faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. Nobody sees Santa Claus. But that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see."

"You may tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

"No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and lives for ever. A thousand years from now, Virginia—may, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Christmas is more than a date on the calendar or a season of the year. It is a spirit—of giving, rather than receiving—an eternal reminder of what a joyous, beautiful existence this life on earth could be if it were not for the crash of selfishness against selfishness.

Therein is Christmas' real charm. It unveils what life could be. Other days of the year are matter-of-fact, hard as agate, revealing life as we create it, reflecting ourselves.

Christmas is the Day of Days because it is the one day of the year when each of us strives to make others happy. Civilized future generations will look back and marvel that it never occurred to us to make a Christmas out of every day in the year.

Yep, Folks, 'Twas the Night Before

By Tom Sims

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a thing was stirring. Not even a spoon. Not even a robber. There wasn't even a bootlegger stirring. Not even a cat. The kitchen was all stirred. The fire on the hearth had been stirred. And the family upstairs asleep now had been stirred.

Outside the wind whistled. It had a right to whistle. It was going south to a warmer country. It made itself fitfully seen in the very centre of the parlor's exquisite fireplace, sparked a costly lump of coal. The whistling wind looked down the chimney and the costly lump of coal burst into a tiny \$2.00 flame.

"Whish—whish—whish," whistled the wind. But the damage was done and by the tiny \$2 flicker one could see four stockings hanging from the mantel.

There was Mary's stocking. Mary was sophisticated, it and she missed being kissed. Her stocking held an air-harrow pencil for Mary to make her mark in the world. And to guide her feet through the important steps in life there was a new dance record on the mantel.

Henry's stocking was there. Henry was 11 and had just voluntarily withdrawn. His stocking held a pocket knife so he could cut his initials on the piano. And an airgun for him to shoot at cats, birds, dogs, windows, horses and people.

There was mama's stocking. In it were clothespins, hairpins, buttons,

safetypins, pins, a butterknife, a flatiron and nearby stood a washing machine.

Next came the old man's sock. It held tobacco, smoking and eating. While the old man stood a new easy chair. This easy chair came hard because it had been charred to him.

As the old man was sleeping he was dreaming Santa Claus drove a coal wagon.

By his side was mama dreaming the Christmas dinner dishes jumped from the table to go wash themselves and Mary went crazy and swept the floor at once.

In the next room Mary was dreaming Santa Claus was a sheik in disguise and his reddest of red garments (no fuel) and he swung her around his hand three times so she landed before a movie camera on a pile of million dollar contracts.

And Henry was dreaming Santa Claus brought him a cannon and he was shooting projectiles at the North Pole. He was shooting his way out of the six antesters at his aunt's house and he had one shell left so couldn't decide whether to shoot a policeman or a teacher.

Henry's fingers of dawn reached through the curtained window and up jumped the sun out of the east. Up jumped Mary. Up jumped Henry. Up jumped mama. Up jumped papa. It was Christmas morning which comes only once a year and everything was stirred that possibly could stir.

But what we started out to say was "Merry Christmas!"



ST. LUKE II:7-18

7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel

a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Christmas Puzzle—The Holly Wreath



In the holly wreath shown above, there is a word missing from the blank space. Find the missing word, and insert it so that beginning at one, you can read the sentence right around the wreath to two. As the missing word is the connecting link, it will have to be a word that can appear twice.

Solution: The missing word in the holly wreath is "yule" ("you'll"). Thus the sentence can be read as a merry and a very happy yule and New Year.



If Christmas be green or if Christmas be white
It doesn't especially matter.
It's always a day when our spirits are light,
And hearts beat a livelier patter;
A fog, or a blizzard, or sunshine outside—
We will not complain of the weather;

For Christmas is Christmas, whatever betide,
A day when we're all pals together!

Here's one day at least when we're glowing with love
For comrade, for kin and for stranger,
One day when we breathe the sweet charity of
The Babe who was born in a manger;
When no one has room for the rancor of hate
Or any old grudge to remember,
Oh, it is a tender and glorious date
This twenty-fifth of December.

If only each day in the year might effect
Such joy in each child, man or woman,
How life would improve! But we cannot expect
Too much of ourselves, we are human!
But let us be grateful one day of the year
Spreads love from the Poles to the Isthmus,
When all the world tinges with mirth and good cheer
And all the world sings, "Merry Christmas!"

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A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long Winter's nap When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below; When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On! Comet, on! Cupid, on! Donder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly. He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf; And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Clement Clarke Moore

YES, HERE'S SANTA, TOO!

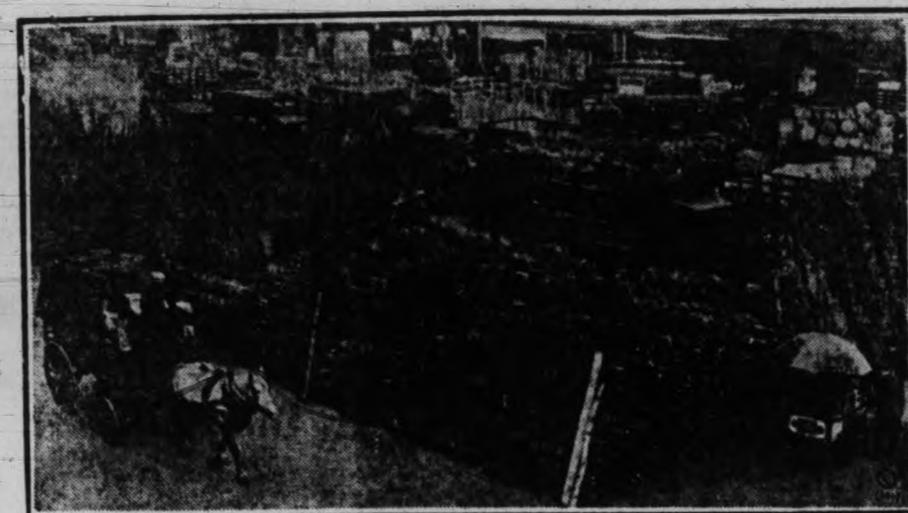


No Christmas is complete without a Santa Claus, so here he is. He's got a big load, but he's happy.

THE TIMES DAILY PICTURE PAGE



THEY WORK TO CHEER OTHERS.—Post office staff is now going through the throes of the annual Christmas rush. See how the mail is piling up. Day and night the tireless workers sort out the packages that Christmas may be lightened—for you and me!



SANTA INVADES THE BIG CITY.—This shows a scene on West Street, New York. It depicts the opening of the Christmas season. Hundreds of Christmas trees have arrived for sale, and more have been coming daily.



NEW ORDER PAYS HOMAGE TO UNKNOWN WARRIOR.—Three of the members of the new Order of Crusaders, who presided at the ceremony at Westminster Abbey, London, where tribute was paid to Britain's Unknown Soldier, posthumously named Principal Knight of the Order. This is the first photograph to be received, revealing the identity of any of the members of the society. They are from left to right: Lieut.-General Sir Edward Bethune, Grand Keeper of records; Colonel Walter Faber, programme master; and Sir Charles Wakefield, grand hospitalier.



YES, WE HAVE NO FRANKFURTERS!—And now Officer G. W. Brown, of the Philadelphia police force comes and disputes the claimed title of John Huni, champion "hot dog" eater. This shows Officer Brown "doing his stuff." Maybe a "match race" can be arranged.



SHE WILL PLAY CHAMPS.—Miss Florence Flower (above) claims the Woman's World Champion Pocket Billiard title. She will soon play the best men players it is reported. Maurice Daly, of New York, says the girl is a "wiz" with the cue. Daly is a noted pocket billiardist.



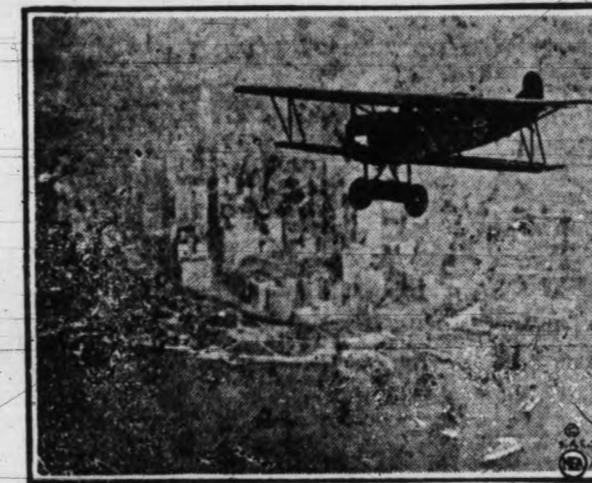
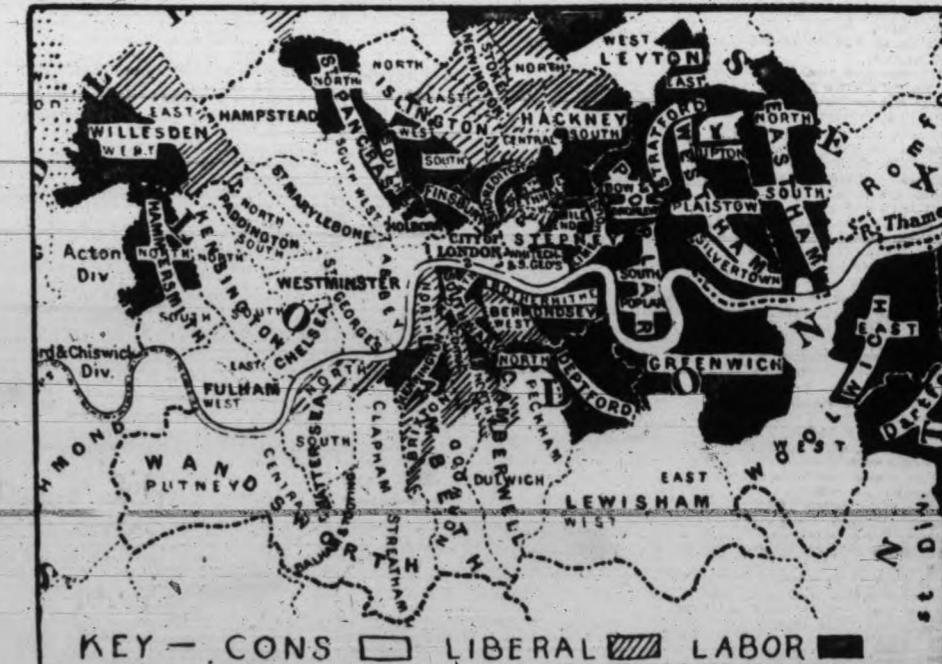
POPULAR.—Introducing His Highness Raj Rajeshwar Shri Sawai Maharaj Jey Singhji, Veerendra Shiromani Oev. Photographed at conference in London recently where he represented 1,000,000 people of the Hushwaha Naruka Clan of Rajputs, India, of which he is in charge as a colonel. His friends, of which he has many, do not attempt to call him by his full name.



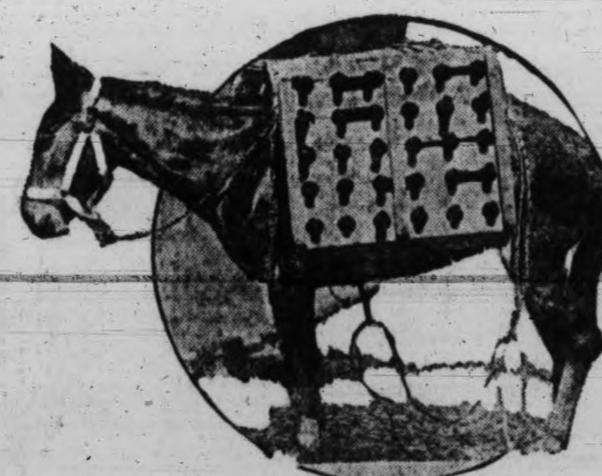
Rafael Schermann of Vienna, called the Sherlock Holmes of Central Europe, who is said to be able to discern in a sample of handwriting past events in the history of the writer. His credit to the Vienna police with an almost clairvoyant ability to solve criminal mysteries.



TO PIERCE ROOF OF SKY.—Lieutenant John A. Macready in earthly attire, and in the grotesque garb he will wear on his altitude flight at Dayton and his head will be covered by a fur-lined flying hood, with only two openings for his goggles. His goggles will be smeared with a frost-resisting gelatin. An air line will extend from the hood. Through it he will breathe oxygen when he strikes rarefied air. At 34,000 feet, Macready says, one encounters a temperature of 75 degrees below zero.



MAPPING NEW YORK.—The Fairchild Aerial Camera Corporation is engaged in making an air map of New York City. More than 2,000 exposures have been taken. Photo shows the Fokker photographic plane above Battery Park, at the "boot" of the Island.



RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR.—This is the way they deliver beer in La Paz, Bolivia. And in fact everything else, too. Streets are too hilly for trucks to negotiate. So all goods are carried on the backs of burros or pack mules.

METROPOLIS ELECTS 29 CONSERVATIVES, 11 LIBERALS, 22 LABORITES.—London is still a Conservative stronghold, but enough votes were given to Labourites as many votes in the last Parliament as his combined opponents. The election returns show 29 Conservatives, 11 Liberals, and 22 Laborites elected in the city boroughs. Above is shown the results of the poll at a glance. The results of two boroughs are missing from the map; North Islington, which was Conservative in the last Parliament, and Whitechapel, which was Labor.

A PAGE OF INTEREST TO CHILDREN

Christmas Stories Shows Santa Claus is Kind to All

Many wonderful stories were received in the story-writing contest here last week. Margaret Woodward, a thirteen-year-old reader at 1325 Carlin Street, is awarded the first prize of \$3.00, with a story that all will agree is the result of real thought and originality. The story of Henry and his daughter little Henry Griffith Jones, a ten-year-old reader at 845 Fort Street receives a special consolation award of \$1.00, incident which is based on a true incident which happened some years ago in a little Welsh village.

It is not possible to reproduce all stories received, so a selection has been made of those which are typical of the generous response to the call for a Christmas tale. Many charming stories were received which goes to show that our Little Readers take quite as much interest in making a story of their own as in reading one already made. Here is the winning story:

CAROL'S DREAM

"Carol had been sitting in a big arm-chair before a cheerful fire. Her thoughts, however, were anything but cheerful. It was the day before Christmas and she had developed a bad cold—not very desirable thing at any time but particularly disagreeable at Christmas. She could hear her brother playing outside and vainly wished she could join them."

"Drowsiness at last overcame her and she opened the window to get some fresh air. Suddenly a strange boy appeared before her—such a queer boy, with long hair, long nose, and long twisted legs. He caught her hand and bore her through the air up into black clouds.

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"Pining for the floor, at his feet was a little girl who seemed to be sorting snow-flakes. Not far away was a boy busily chiselling designs on the frosted windows.

"The boy who had conducted her to this strange place joined the other children. Santa seeing Carol beckoned to her. She went to him and stood by his side watching the children. After a few minutes he spoke. 'You see,' he said, 'Jack Frost has to prepare for to-night. He is going to draw designs on the windows and freeze the ponds. I have borrowed King Winter's children and they have promised to help me give the boys and girls a good time this Christmas. We have all the tools ready, but what is the use of sleds and skates if the weather does not permit of their use? "Snowdrop," he said, pointing to the little girl, "will prepare the earth for sleds; Jack Frost will freeze the ponds for skates and Wind (the boy who brought you here), will blow the snow into drifts."

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in a little cottage in Wales. On the other side of the street there lived a widow whose husband had been sailing for many years. From her window she could see the children playing in front of the cottage. She very often waved her hand to them.

"The first Christmas morning after they were fatherless, their mother getting ready to make the day happy for the little ones, when a knock came to the door. On opening it there stood a lady with a big clothes basket full of good things. On the top was a Christmas tree, everything ready to go for every child, and an envelope with a gift of money for their mother. A suit of clothes for every child completed the basket-load. At the bottom was a card. 'Wishing you all A Merry Christmas.'

"This is a true story, for it was told me by one of the family. How kind Santa is, especially kind to Fatherless or Motherless children!" By Griffith Jones, ten years old, 845 Fort Street.

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Aladdin's Cave in London Town

What Little Reader will not remember Aladdin's cave with its glittering jewels and the troubles that lay in store for those whose greed got the better of their judgment. Jewels are collected to-day as eagerly as ever, but they are so rare that a storhouse of jewels is a novelty.

The inner room of a jewel merchant's shabby office in Hatton Garden is so like Aladdin's cave that even the magic word "sesame" has its equivalent.

It is next to impossible for a stranger to enter; if the office were rushed there are the alarm bells on every wall; strong men are always about the place; the safes, once thrown to, are keyless, a four-days' work at least to open, even if there were room for a gas cylinder to avoid blowing power.

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"Trust is the foundation of the jeweler's trade, and the only possible basis for it. One man lends his trade acquaintance £20,000 worth of stones and neither think anything of that."

"Going to Birmingham or to Rotterdam, the merchant, selecting perhaps £100,000 worth of jewels from his safe, bestows none of them about him. They go before him, by registered post. Through the customs, the packages are opened, the jewels noted one by one, and grouped by group, and if there be any loss, the merchant pays no duty, and the jeweler comes back again through the watchful customs."

A CHANGE OF LUCK

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NORTHERN LIGHTS

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By GILBERT PARKER

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THE STAKE AND PLUMB LINE

SHE went against all sound judgment in marrying him; she cut herself off from her own people, from the life in which she had been an alluring and beautiful figure.

The step she took was to marry Jim Templeton, the drunken, cast-off son of a millionaire senator from Kentucky, who controlled railways and owned a bank, and had so resented his son's intemperate habits that for five years he had never permitted Jim's name to be mentioned in his presence. Jim had twenty thousand dollars left him by his mother, and a small income of three hundred dollars from an investment which had been made for him when a little boy. And this had carried him on; for, drunken as he was, he had sense enough to eke out the money, limiting himself to three thousand a year. He had four thousand dollars left, and his tiny income of three hundred, when he went to Sally Seabrook, after having been sober for a month, and begged her to marry him.

When Sally was fifteen and he twenty-two, he had fallen in love with her and she with him; and nothing had broken the early romance. He had captured her young imagination, and had fastened his image on her heart. Her people, seeing the drift of things, had sent her to a school on the Hudson, and the two did not meet for some time. Then came a stolen interview, and a fastening of the rivets of attraction—for Jim had gifts of a wonderful kind.

He was also a lawyer, and was junior attorney to his father's great business.

In the early days of their association Jim had left his post and taken to drink at critical moments in their operations. At first, high words had been spoken, then there came the strife of two dissimilar natures, and both were headstrong, and each proud and unrelenting in his own way. Then, at last, had come the separation, irrevocable and painful, and Jim had flung himself into the world, a drunkard, who, sober for a fortnight, or a month, or three months, would afterward go off on a spree. Society had ceased to recognize him for a long time, and he did not seek it.

In one of his sober intervals he had met Sally Seabrook in the street. It was the first time in four years, for he had avoided her, and, though she had written to him once or twice, he had never answered her; shame was in his heart. Yet all the time the old song was in Sally's ears.

So when she and Jim met in the street, the old, true thing rushed upon them both, and for a moment they stood still and looked at each other. That was the beginning of the new epoch. A few days more, and Jim came to her and said that she alone could save him; and she meant him to say it, had led him to the saying, for the same conviction was burned deep in her own soul. She knew the awful risk she was taking, that the step must mean social ostracism, and that her own people would be no kinder to her than society; but she gasped a prayer, smiled at Jim as though all were well, laid her plans, made him promise her one thing on his knees, and took the plunge.

Her people did as she expected. She was threatened with banishment from heart and home—with disinheritance; but she pursued her course. And, standing at the altar, Jim's eyes were still wet, with new resolve in his heart, and a being at his side meant for the best man in the world. As he knelt beside her, awaiting the benediction, a sudden sense of the enormity of his act came upon him, and for her sake he would have drawn back then, had it not been too late.

But the thing was done, and a new life was begun. Before they had launched upon it, however, before society had fully grasped the sensation, or they had left upon their journey to northern Canada, where Sally intended they should work out their problem and make their home, far and free from all old associations, a curious thing happened. Jim's father sent an urgent message to Sally to come to him.

"Why have you done it?" he said. "You—know all about him; you might have married the best man in the country. You could rule a kingdom; you have beauty and power, and make people do what you want; and you've got a son."

"He is your son," she answered quietly.

"He was my son—when he was a man," he retorted grimly.

"He is the son of the woman you once loved," she answered.

The old man turned his head away.

"What would she have said to what you did to Jim?"

He drew himself around sharply. Her dagger had gone home, but he would not let her know it.

"She was a saint," he said, roughly.

"She cannot be left out; nor can you. He got his temperament naturally; he inherited his weakness. From your grandfather, from her father. Do you think you are—no-way—senseless?"

He was silent for a moment, but then said, stubbornly:

"Why—why have you done it? What's between him and me can't be helped; we are father and son;

but you—you had no call, no responsibility."

"I love Jim. I always loved him, ever since I can remember, as you did. I see my way ahead. I will not desert him. No one cares what happens to him, no one but me. Your love wouldn't stand the test; mine will."

"Love's labor lost," said the old man, slowly, cynically, but not without emotion.

"I have ambition," she continued. "No girl is ever more ambitious, but my ambition is to make the most and best of myself. Place? Jim and I will hold it yet. Power? It shall be as it must be, but Jim and I will work for it to fulfill ourselves. For—ah, if I can save him—and I mean to do so: do you think that I would not have my heaven on earth? You want money—money, money, power, and to rule; and these are to you the best things in the world. I make my choice differently, though I would have these other things if I could; and hope I shall. But Jim first. Jim, my son, Jim—my husband, Jim."

The old man got to his feet slowly. She had him at bay. "But you are great," he said, "great! It is an awful state—awful! Yet, if you win, you'll have what money can't buy. And listen to me. We'll make the stakes bigger."

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way or another, they got a glimmer of the real truth, before it became known who he really was or anything of his story. And the interest in the two, and in Jim's reformation, spread through the country, while Jim gained reputation as the smartest man in the force.

On the day that Jim became a lieutenant his family increased by one. It was a girl, and they called her Nancy, after Jim's mother. It was the anniversary of their marriage, and, so far, Jim had won, with what fightings and struggles and wrestlings of the spirit only Sally and himself knew. And she knew as well as he, and all ways saw the storm coming before it broke—a restlessness, then a moodiness, then a hungry, eager, helpless look, and afterward an agony of longing, a feverish desire to break away and get the thrilling thing which would still the demon within him.

So the first and the second and third years passed in safety.

The baby had done much to brace her faith in the future and comfort her anxious present. The child had intelligence of a rare order. She had drawn to her the roughest men in the troop, and for old Sewell, the grim sergeant, she had a specially warm place.

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He paused reflectively. "It's strange that this life up here makes you feel that you must live a bigger life still, that this is only the wide porch to the great labor-house—it makes you want to do things. Well, we've got to win the stake first," he added, with a laugh.

"The stake is a big one, Jim—bigger than you think."

He did not know that he was playing for a certain five millions, perhaps fifty millions, of dollars. She had never told him of his father's offer. He was fighting only for salvation, for those he loved, for freedom. As they stood there, the conviction had come upon them that they had come to the last battle-field, that this journey which Jim now must take would decide all, would give them perfect peace or lifelong pain. The shadow of battle was over them, but he had no foreboding, no premonition; he had never been so full of spirits and life.

To her adoration Jim replied by burying his face in her golden hair, and he whispered: "Say, I've done nearly four years, my girl. I think I'm all right now—I think. This last six months, it's been easy—pretty fairly easy."

"Four months more, only four months more—God be good to us!" she said, with a little gasp.

If he held out for four months more, the first great stage in their life-journey would be passed, the stake won.

There came a knock at the door, and presently Sewell entered. "The Commissioner wishes you to come over, sir," he said.

"I was just coming, Sewell. Is all ready for the start?"

"Everything's ready, sir, but they knew only long after-

speech, powerful with a people who had the gift of imagination. Arrowhead was a chief whose will had never been crossed by his own people, and to master that will by a superior will, to hold back the destructive force which to the ignorant minds of the braves, was only a natural force of defence, meant a task needing more than authority to bind it. For the very fear of that authority put in motion was an incentive to present resistance—to stave off the day of trouble. The faces that surrounded Jim were thin with hunger, and the murderer that had been committed by the chief had, as its origin, the foolish replies of the Hudson Bay Company's men to their demands for supplies. Arrowhead had killed him with his own hand.

But Jim Templeton was of a different calibre. Although he had not been told it, he realized that, indirectly, hunger was the cause of the crime and might easily become the cause for another; for their tempers were sharper even than their appetites. Upon this he played; upon this he made an exhortation to the chief. He assumed that Arrowhead had become violent because he was unconscious on the sledge and with limbs frozen, all the dogs gone but two, the leathers over the Indian's shoulders as he fell against the gate of the post.

But Arrowhead found the post in the mad storm he could never have told. Yet he found it, with Jim unconscious on the sledge and with limbs frozen, all the dogs gone but two, the leathers over the Indian's shoulders as he fell against the gate of the post.

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And when he was tried three months later for murder, someone else said this for him, and the hearts of all, judge and jury, were so moved they knew not what to do.

But Arrowhead was never sentenced, for, at the end of the first day's trial, he lay down to sleep and never waked again. He was found the next morning still alive, cold, and there was clasped in his hands a little doll which Nancy had given him on one of her many visits to the prison during her father's long illness. They found a piece of paper in his belt with these words in the Cree language: "With my hands on his heart at the post I gave the life that was in me, saving but a little, until now. Arrowhead, the chief, goes to find life again by the well at the root of the tree. How!"

For hours they worked with snow upon the frozen limbs to bring back life and consciousness. Consciousness came at last with half delirium, half understanding; as, emerging from the passing sleep of anaesthesia, the eye sees things and dimly registers them before the brain has set them in any relation to life or comprehension.

But Jim was roused at last, and the doctor presently held to his lips a glass of brandy. Then from infinite distance Jim's understanding returned; the mind emerged, but not wholly, from the chaos in which it was travelling. His eyes stood out in eagerness.

"Brandy! brandy!" he said, hungrily.

With an oath Sewell snatched the glass from the doctor's hand, put it on the table, then stooped to Jim's ear and said, hoarsely: "Remember—Nancy. For God's sake, sir, don't drink."

Jim's head fell back, the fierce light went out of his eyes, the face became grayer and sharper. "Sally—Nancy—Nancy," he whispered, and his fingers clutched vaguely at the quilt.

"He must have brandy or he will die. The system is pumped out. He must be revived," said the doctor. He reached again for the glass of spirits.

Jim understood now. He was on the borderland between life and death; his feet were at the brink. "No—not brandy, no!" he moaned.

"Quick, the broth!" said Sewell to the factor, who had been preparing it. "Quick, while there's a chance." He stooped and called into Jim's ear: "For the love of God, wake up, sir. They're coming—they're both coming—Nancy's coming. They'll soon be here."

"What matter that he lied?—a life was at stake."

Jim's eyes opened again. The doctor was standing with the brandy in his hand. Half madly Jim reached out. "I must live until they come," he cried; "the brandy—ah, give it! Give it—ah, no, I must not," he added, gasping, his lips trembling, his hands shaking.

Sewell held the broth to his lips. He drank a little, yet his face became grayer and grayer; a bluish tinge spread about his mouth.

Presently as they watched him the doctor said: "It will not do. He must have brandy. It has life—food—in it."

Jim understood the words. He knew that if he drank the brandy the chances against his future were terrible. He had made his vow, and he must keep it. Yet the thirst was on him; his enemy had him by the throat again, was dragging him down. But in the extremity of his strength his mind fought on—fought on, growing weaker every moment. He was having his last fight. They watched him with an aching anxiety, and there was anger in the doctor's face. He had no patience with these forces arrayed against him.

At last the doctor whispered to Sewell: "It's no use; he must have the brandy or he can't live an hour."

Suddenly there appeared at the bedside Arrowhead, gaunt and weak, his face swollen, the skin of it broken by the whips of storm.

"He is my brother," he said, and, stooping, laid both hands, which he had held before the fire, for a long time, on Jim's heart.

A hundred miles of sun and fair weather, sleeping at night in the open in a trench dug in the snow, no fear in the thoughts of Jim, nor—evil in the heart of the heathen man.

One hundred miles of sun and fair weather, and then fifty miles with force and destroy the tribe, if resistance was offered, than with fifty men. His tongue had a gift of terse and picturesque speech, powerful with a people who had the gift of imagination.

"Take his feet, his hands, his legs, and his head in your hands," he said to them all. "Life is in us; we will give him life."

He knelt down and kept both hands on Jim's heart, while the others, even the doctor, awed by his act, did as they were bidden.

"Shut your eyes. Let your life go into him. Think of him, and him alone. Now!" said Arrowhead, in a strange voice.

He murmured, and continuing

Arrowhead slept through all. Day after day so, and then ten miles of storm such as come only to the vast barrens of the northlands; and was to the traveller upon whom the icy wind and the blinding snow descended! Woe came upon Jim Templeton and Arrowhead.

murmuring, his body drawing closer and closer to Jim's body, while in the deep silence, broken only by the chanting of his low, monotonous voice, the others

pressed Jim's hands and head and feet and legs—six men under the command of a heathen murderer.

The minutes passed. The color

came back to Jim's face, the skin of his hands filled up, they ceased twitching, his pulse got stronger.

His eyes opened with a new light in them.

"I'm living, anyhow," he said, at last, with a faint smile. "I'm hungry—broth, please."

The fight was won, and Arrowhead, the pagan murderer, drew over to the fire and crouched down beside it, his back to the bed, impasse.

As the light came in at the windows, Sewell touched him on the shoulder and said: "He is sleeping now."

"I hear my brother breathe," answered Arrowhead. "He will live."

All night he had listened, and had heard Jim's breath as only a man who has lived in waste places can hear. "He will live. What I take with one hand I give with the other."

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Before they could speak he placed in Sally's hands bonds for five million dollars.

"Jim—Jim, my son!" he burst out. Then, suddenly, he sank into a chair and, putting his head in his hands, sobbed aloud.

"My God, but I'm proud of you—speak to me, Jim. You've broken me up." He was ashamed of his tears, but he could not wipe them away.

"Father, dear old man!" said Jim, and put his hands on the broad shoulders.

Sally knelt down beside him, took both the great hands from the tear-stained face and laid them against her cheek. But presently she put Nancy on his knees.

"I don't like you to cry," the child said, softly, "

THE LATEST NEWS FROM FINANCIAL CENTRES

OPTIMISM WAS EXPRESSED TO-DAY

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)
New York, Dec. 22.—The market evidenced a very firm undertone to-day and various groups were inclined to be strong. Oils were helped by the announcement of advance in the price of the grades of eastern crude oil. Sugars were in good demand as were also the rubber and tire shares on the belief that 1924 will prove to be a better year for the latter factors likewise showed considerable strength. Electricals and steel shares were inclined to mark time.

Constructive factors continue to make their appearance and we are of the opinion that the market will exhibit rising tendencies for a while longer.

Willys Overland 10-4 3-7 10-1
Do. prof. 85-6 89 85-6

EXCHANGE
N.Y. sterling 434-4; francs, 504-4; lire, 451-4.

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Can. M. 35-6
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TO-DAY'S TRADING IN WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The Winnipeg stock market showed firmer dealing the first part of to-day's short session and half of Friday's loss was recovered, but later it weakened and a further loss of about a half-cent was recorded. The trade was bearish in its attitude, and longs in both December and May wheat were endeavoring to get out and even up their commitments before the holding day.

The character of the trading during the next week or so should give some idea of the next move in the market. A dull market with sporadic advances in usually inactive stocks and possibly some little recessions in market leaders is the best guess for next week. A firm tone prevailed at to-day's close, the motors steady, perceptible during the last few minutes.

High Low Last

Wheat—Open High Low Close

Dec. 91-4 91-4 91-4 91-4

May 97-7 97-7 97-7 97-7

June 99-3 99-3 99-3 99-3

Oats—Open High Low Close

Dec. 26-4 26-4 26-4 26-4

May 45-5 45-5 45-5 45-5

Barrel Wheat 41-1 41-1 41-1 41-1

Barrel Oats 37-4 37-4 37-4 37-4

Barrel Corn 35-4 35-4 35-4 35-4

Barrel Soybeans 35-4 35-4 35-4 35-4

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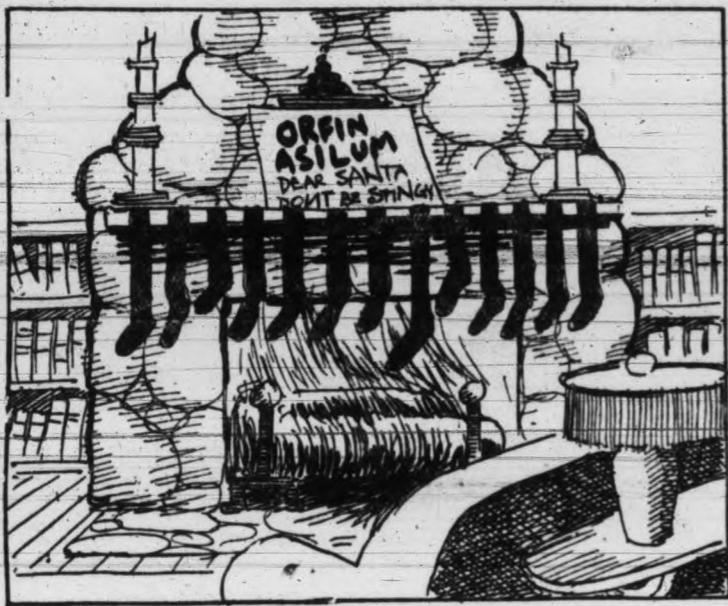
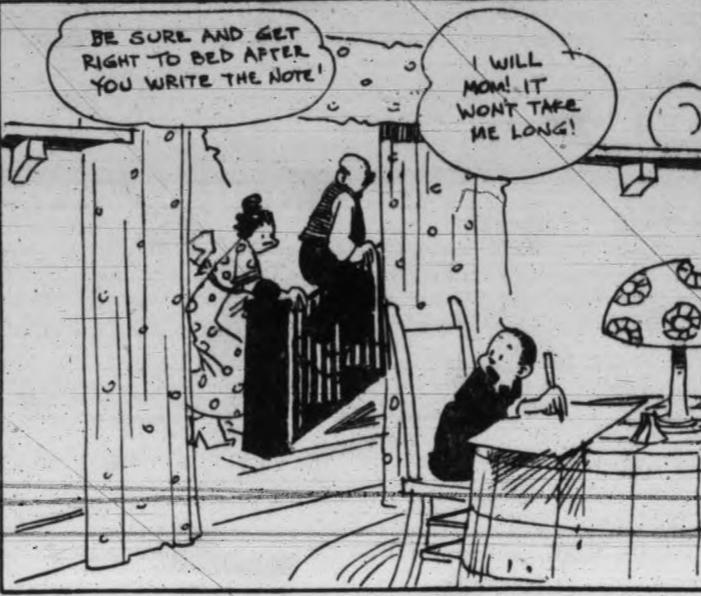
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